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MAINE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR RELEASES 1986 ECONOMIC HANDBOOK

Commissioner of the Maine Department of Labor John Fitzsimmons announced the release of *The Maine Employment and Earnings Statistical Handbook - 1986*, which contains detailed employment, earnings, and labor force data, and is produced annually by the Division of Economic Analysis and Research.

"The 1986 report is an excellent reference source for businesses, researchers, labor organizations, planners, and consultants," said Fitzsimmons, who described the publication as "a compilation of labor statistics in Maine and a must for analyzing and measuring economic conditions throughout the State."

The handbook, now in its sixth year of publication, provides comprehensive monthly labor statistics for the State, counties, and labor market areas; employment figures by detailed industrial breakout; hours and earnings by industry for the State and major labor market areas; key unemployment insurance program statistics, including claims, payments and tax rates; as well as definitions of labor market and industrial terms.

The report shows, for example, that Maine's civilian labor force increased by 9,000 to a total of 562,000 during 1986, and while the number of Maine residents with jobs rose to 532,000, the number of unemployed remained unchanged at 30,000.

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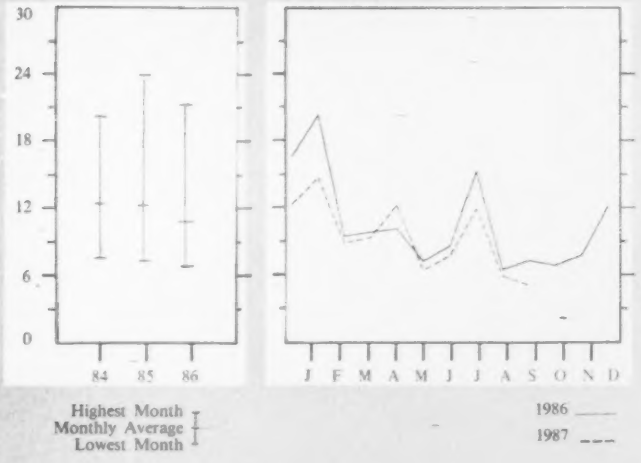

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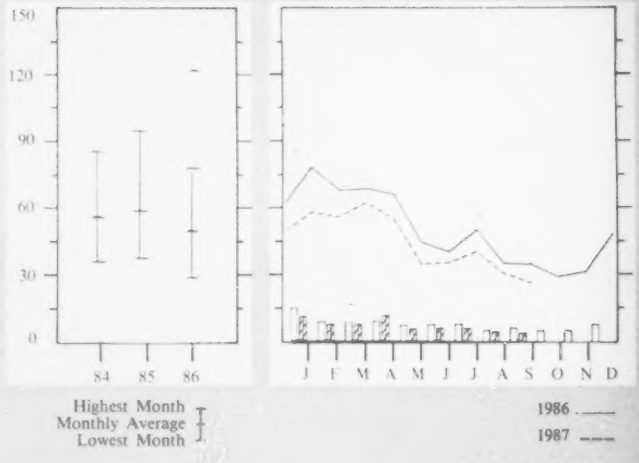

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During 1986, 2,000 jobs were lost in manufacturing industries. However, while some manufacturing industries saw decreases in employment--such as leather and leather products, and paper and allied products--some industries, such as transportation equipment and electrical and electronic equipment, made significant gains over the course of the year.

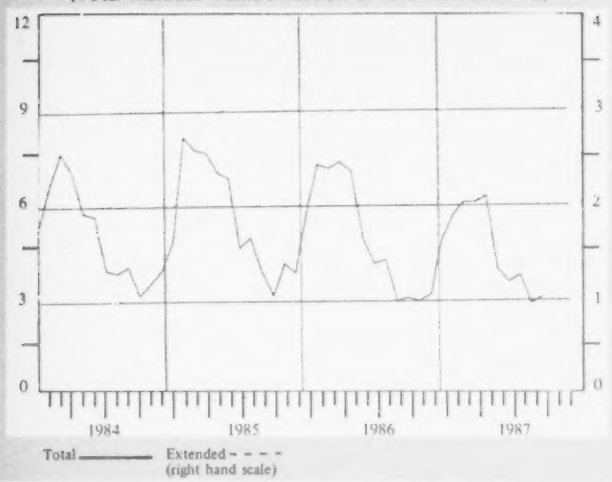
Meanwhile, employment in nonmanufacturing remained robust in 1986 as 20,700 jobs were added, largely attributed to gains in wholesale and retail trade, services, and construction.

The report also shows that the average weekly wage in Maine increased over the course of the year from $293.33 in 1985 to $310.87 in 1986. Also, the average number of weeks Maine people collected unemployment benefits dropped from 17.1 in 1985 to 14.4 in 1986.

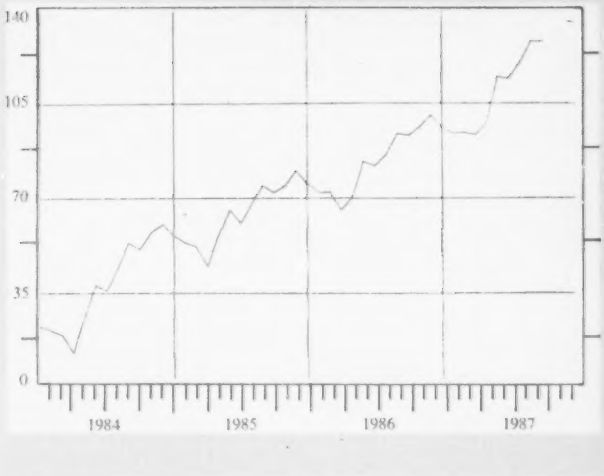
The ***1986 Handbook*** is available at $5.00 per copy and may be obtained by contacting the Maine Department of Labor, Bureau of Employment Security, Division of Economic Analysis and Research, 20 Union Street, Augusta, Maine 04330, telephone (207) 289-2271.

Selected Employment Security Activities

UI Benefit Payments
in Millions
(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance in Millions
(End of Month)



Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work
in Thousands

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND MSA This Month	PORTLAND MSA Last Month	PORTLAND MSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 1/	509.9	508.5	493.0	123.2	121.8	119.4	38.6	39.0	38.5
Total Manufacturing	104.2	104.6	104.9	15.7	15.4	16.5	9.8	10.0	10.2
Durable Goods	47.9	47.2	46.8	7.6	7.3	8.2	2.7	2.7	2.9
Lumber and Wood Products 2/	14.0	14.1	14.2	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.3
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.8	3.8	3.8	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.8
Machinery, except Electrical	4.0	4.0	4.0	2.3	2.3	2.1	0.2	0.2	0.3
Electrical and Electronic Equipment	10.4	10.1	10.1	3.3	3.2	3.7	0.7	0.7	0.8
Transportation Equipment 3/	10.8	10.4	10.1	(d)	(d)	(d)	0.2	0.2	0.2
Other Durable Goods 4/	4.9	4.8	4.6	0.7	0.5	1.1	0.5	0.5	0.5
Nondurable Goods	56.3	57.4	58.1	8.1	8.1	8.3	7.1	7.3	7.3
Food and Kindred Products	7.6	8.8	8.6	1.6	1.6	1.8	0.9	0.9	0.8
Textile Mill Products	6.2	6.4	6.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.2	1.2	1.2
Apparel	3.6	3.5	4.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.1	n/a	n/a
Paper and Allied Products	17.0	16.7	16.6	(d)	(d)	(d)	0.5	0.5	0.5
Printing and Publishing	4.9	4.9	4.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.6	0.6
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	3.5	3.6	3.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.6	1.6	1.6
Leather and Leather Products	12.2	12.2	12.2	1.5	1.5	1.5	2.1	2.2	2.4
Footwear (except Rubber)	10.1	10.1	10.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.7	1.8	1.9
Other Leather Products	2.1	2.1	2.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.4	0.4	0.5
Other Nondurable Goods 5/	1.3	1.3	1.3	5.0	5.0	5.0	0.1	0.3	0.2
Total Nonmanufacturing	405.7	403.9	388.1	107.5	106.4	102.9	28.8	29.0	28.3
Mining	0.1	0.2	0.1	*	*	*	*	*	*
Contract Construction	31.4	32.9	30.4	8.4	8.4	7.8	2.1	2.2	1.9
Transportation and Public Utilities	20.0	19.9	20.2	6.4	6.4	6.2	1.4	1.3	1.4
Wholesale Trade	24.8	25.2	23.1	8.9	9.0	8.7	1.9	1.9	2.0
Retail Trade	104.2	105.9	97.2	27.8	27.8	26.5	7.4	7.5	7.0
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	24.2	24.5	23.1	12.2	12.2	11.2	2.2	2.2	2.1
Services	111.0	116.6	105.2	29.9	29.6	28.3	9.9	10.4	10.0
Government	90.0	78.7	88.8	13.9	13.0	14.2	3.9	3.5	3.9
Federal	18.4	18.3	17.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	0.3	0.3	0.3
State and Local 6/	71.6	60.4	71.0	12.1	11.2	12.4	3.6	3.2	3.6
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	1.2	1.2	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/ Employment figures relate to full - and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/ Lumber and wood products and furniture and fixtures are combined in the Portland and Lewiston series. 3/ Transportation equipment and instruments are combined in the Lewiston series. 4/ Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 38, 39; Portland - 32, 38, 39; Lewiston - 32, 39. 5/ Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 28, 29; Portland - 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30; Lewiston - 23, 28, 29. 6/ Regular teachers are included in summer months, whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. *Less than 50. (d) Nondisclosure item.

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New Applications For Work

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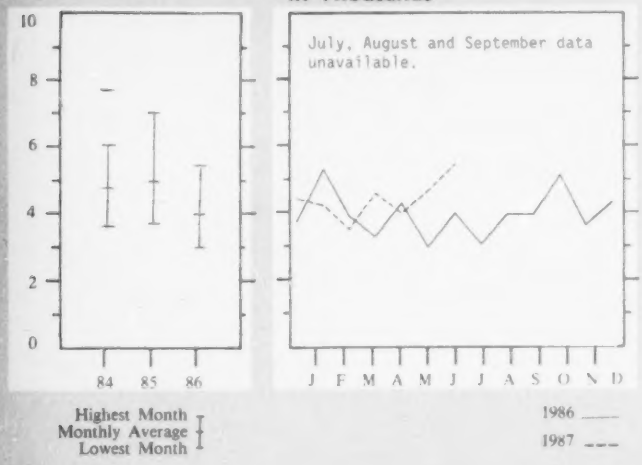
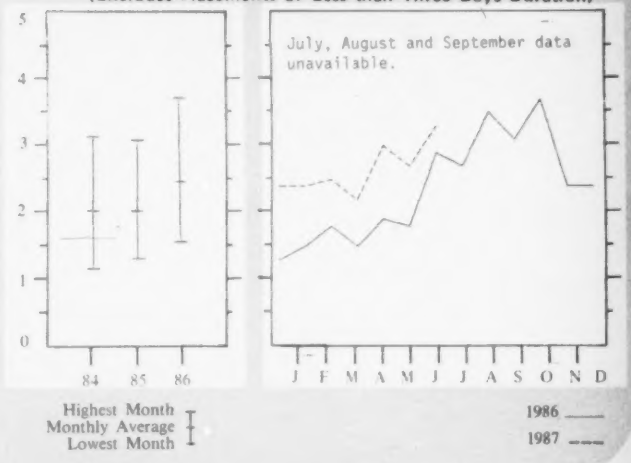


Nonfarm Placements

in Thousands

(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1986	1985	1984
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$374.13	$360.71	$358.44	40.1	41.7	41.2	$ 9.33	$ 8.65	$ 8.70	$ 8.65	$ 8.40	$ 8.05
Durable Goods	355.93	357.79	350.10	41.1	42.9	40.9	8.66	8.34	8.56	8.52	8.46	8.22
Lumber and Wood Products	331.24	340.47	316.36	39.2	42.4	40.3	8.45	8.03	7.85	7.74	8.06	7.57
Primary and Fabricated Metals	388.40	396.52	364.20	40.0	43.1	42.3	9.71	9.20	8.61	8.58	8.25	7.89
Machinery, except Electrical	417.70	382.81	405.41	45.7	43.6	40.5	9.14	8.78	10.01	9.62	9.11	8.36
Electrical and Electronic Equipment	326.01	331.89	309.85	40.1	41.8	38.3	8.13	7.94	8.09	7.94	7.57	7.56
Other Durable Goods	377.92	376.66	401.02	42.8	43.9	43.4	8.83	8.58	9.24	9.41	9.50	9.51
Nondurable Goods	389.65	362.56	363.85	39.2	40.6	41.3	9.94	8.93	8.81	8.76	8.31	7.95
Food and Kindred Products	259.20	251.36	253.82	36.1	38.2	37.0	7.18	6.58	6.86	7.00	6.63	6.46
Textile Mill Products	277.02	290.49	309.46	34.2	37.1	43.1	8.10	7.83	7.18	7.04	6.64	6.13
Apparel	234.42	231.84	217.67	36.4	38.9	37.4	6.44	5.96	5.82	5.73	5.83	5.55
Paper and Allied Products	674.63	600.50	611.59	45.8	45.7	47.3	14.73	13.14	12.93	12.70	12.25	11.62
Leather and Leather Products	237.76	244.58	229.40	35.7	38.7	37.3	6.66	6.32	6.15	6.05	5.93	5.80
Other Nondurable Goods	343.14	329.22	328.02	39.9	40.1	40.9	8.60	8.21	8.02	8.00	7.51	7.11
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing	378.56	362.20	354.49	41.6	41.3	38.7	9.10	8.77	9.16	9.17	8.90	8.08
LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA												
Manufacturing	296.81	292.25	285.59	38.9	39.6	39.5	7.63	7.38	7.23	7.19	6.78	6.58

Female Labor Force in Maine

in Thousands

ITEM	This Month 1/	Last Month 1/	Year Ago 2/
Labor Force	268.8	268.8	254.9
Unemployed	9.7	11.2	13.4
(Percent)	3.6%	4.2%	5.3%
Resident Employed	259.1	257.6	241.5

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec.
(1967=100) All Items	344.4	342.7	330.2	331.1

Percent Change for Past Month	+0.5%
Percent Change from Last December	+4.0%
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+4.3%

1/ Preliminary estimates 2/ Revised

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

in Thousands

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE-Statewide	612.0	618.8	578.4	594.2	600.1	554.2	17.8	18.7	24.2	2.9	3.0	4.2
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor MSA	42,000	41,400	40,500	40,900	40,300	38,300	1,100	1,100	2,200	2.6	2.7	5.4
Lewiston-Auburn MSA	41,300	42,000	40,400	39,800	40,200	38,200	1,500	1,800	2,200	3.6	4.3	5.4
Portland MSA	127,200	126,900	119,400	125,100	124,800	116,900	2,100	2,100	2,500	1.7	1.7	2.1
Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA 3/	135,600	136,000	131,700	133,200	133,500	128,400	2,400	2,500	3,300	1.8	1.8	2.5
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	34,110	34,950	32,520	32,840	33,460	31,080	1,270	1,490	1,440	3.7	4.3	4.4
Bath-Brunswick	28,780	29,200	26,450	27,930	28,390	25,860	850	810	590	3.0	2.8	2.2
Belfast	11,630	11,500	11,320	11,210	10,980	10,570	420	520	750	3.6	4.5	6.6
Biddeford	28,020	28,420	26,210	27,450	27,820	25,190	570	600	1,020	2.0	2.1	3.9
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	14,900	16,690	13,640	14,610	16,360	13,300	290	330	340	1.9	2.0	2.5
Calais-Eastport	14,830	18,070	14,190	14,090	17,280	13,200	740	790	990	5.0	4.4	7.0
Caribou-Presque Isle	24,590	22,700	22,450	23,080	21,170	20,580	1,510	1,530	1,870	6.1	6.7	8.3
Central Penobscot	2,670	2,580	2,540	2,570	2,490	2,380	100	90	160	3.7	3.5	6.3
Dover-Foxcroft	6,540	6,320	6,660	6,300	6,120	6,210	240	200	450	3.7	3.2	6.8
Ellsworth	26,100	28,830	24,210	25,520	28,150	23,400	580	680	810	2.2	2.4	3.3
Farmington	12,140	11,130	11,970	11,610	10,570	11,260	530	560	710	4.4	5.0	5.9
Fort Kent-Allagash	6,360	5,460	5,660	6,080	5,250	5,320	280	210	340	4.4	3.8	6.0
Greenville	1,350	1,330	1,310	1,310	1,300	1,250	40	30	60	3.0	2.3	4.6
Houlton	6,680	6,380	6,270	6,440	6,070	5,980	240	310	290	3.6	4.9	4.6
Kittery-York 3/	30,860	30,870	28,800	30,610	30,620	28,530	250	250	270	0.8	0.8	0.9
Lincoln-Howland	5,510	5,340	5,450	5,300	5,170	5,070	210	170	380	3.8	3.2	7.0
Livermore Falls	5,030	4,850	4,880	4,800	4,600	4,570	230	250	310	4.6	5.2	6.4
Madawaska-Van Buren	4,260	3,900	3,930	3,990	3,620	3,650	270	280	280	6.3	7.2	7.1
Millinocket-East Millinocket	4,320	4,310	4,280	4,130	4,160	4,020	190	150	260	4.4	3.5	6.1
Norway-Paris	12,090	12,870	11,580	11,740	12,390	11,010	350	480	570	2.9	3.7	4.9
Patten-Island Falls	2,780	2,590	2,660	2,670	2,510	2,510	110	80	150	4.0	3.1	5.6
Rockland	19,240	19,520	17,320	18,890	19,120	16,720	350	400	600	1.8	2.0	3.5
Rumford	8,860	8,570	8,470	8,450	8,230	7,920	410	340	550	4.6	4.0	6.5
Sanford	16,730	16,720	15,860	16,270	16,240	15,190	460	480	670	2.7	2.9	4.2
Sebago Lakes Region	14,020	15,510	12,430	13,640	16,200	12,020	380	310	410	2.7	1.9	3.3
Skowhegan	25,070	25,260	23,500	24,070	23,970	22,150	1,000	1,290	1,350	4.0	5.1	5.7
Southwest Penobscot	10,460	10,460	10,580	9,950	10,050	9,880	510	410	700	4.9	3.9	6.6
Waterville	23,500	23,280	22,960	22,820	22,590	21,970	680	690	990	2.9	3.0	4.3
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	n/a	1,796.2	1,748.2	n/a	1,739.4	1,691.1	n/a	56.8	57.1	n/a	3.2	3.3
Massachusetts	3,053.0	3,153.0	3,051.6	2,969.0	3,065.0	2,919.6	84.0	89.0	132.0	2.8	2.8	4.3
New Hampshire	600.5	611.5	570.6	588.1	598.7	557.3	12.4	12.8	13.3	2.1	2.1	2.3
Rhode Island	522.6	520.6	511.8	506.6	502.3	493.6	16.0	18.3	18.2	3.1	3.5	3.6
Vermont	296.2	299.0	295.4	287.7	290.4	284.4	8.5	8.7	11.0	2.9	2.9	3.7
NEW ENGLAND STATES	n/a	7,000.2	6,756.0	n/a	6,795.9	6,500.2	n/a	204.3	255.8	n/a	2.9	3.8
UNITED STATES 4/	119,884	131,614	118,244	113,027	114,527	110,229	6,857	7,088	8,015	5.7	5.8	6.8

MSA-Metropolitan Statistical Area

Note

n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.
Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding.

Footnotes

1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data adjusted to place of residence basis. Excludes members of the Armed Forces.

2/ Current and last month figures preliminary; year ago figures revised.

3/ Kittery-York is the eight-town Maine portion of the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA which includes towns in both Maine and New Hampshire.

4/ National estimates based on a sample of household visits; state estimates based on enlargements of employment figures reported.

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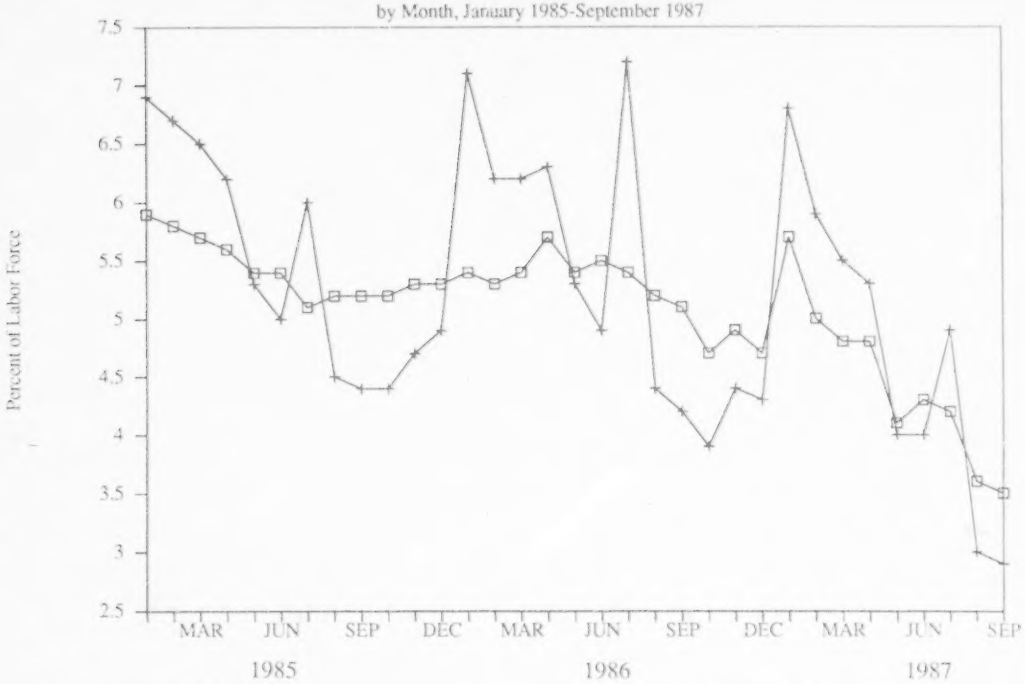
Mid-Month Insured Unemployment (Less Partials)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued-Week Claimants	4,205	5,212	5,979	487	567	622	446	562	589
Insured Unemployment Rate *	0.9	1.1	1.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	1.3	1.6	1.7

* Should not be confused with insured unemployment rates as defined in the Employment Security Law.

Unemployment Rates in Maine

by Month, January 1985-September 1987



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Above-Average Number of Maine Persons Working Part-Time for Economic Reasons

More than 1.2 million New Englanders were employed on a part-time basis during 1986. Of this number, 185,000 were working part-time for economic reasons. These data, as well as other labor force, employment, and unemployment data for states and major metropolitan areas, are available annually from the Current Population Survey conducted by the Census Bureau for the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

During 1986, approximately 14 percent of all New Englanders who were working part-time were doing so involuntarily because of economic reasons. Economic reasons include: the inability to find full-time work, material shortages, slack work, and repairs to plant and equipment. Nationally, more than 26 percent of part-timers were on less than full-time schedules for economic reasons. Within New England, Maine, with over 27 percent of the total part-time employed desiring work on full-time schedules, had the highest percentage of involuntary part-time workers. Connecticut recorded the lowest percentage of these workers in the region, at 12 percent.

There were sharp differences in the incidence of part-time employment between men and women. Within New England last year, almost 31 percent of all employed women were working part-time, 88.3 percent of them voluntarily. Among employed men in the region, however, only 10.6 percent were working part-time schedules, with less than one quarter of them working part-time because of economic reasons. Nationally, a somewhat smaller percentage of women and a larger percentage of men were on part-time schedules during 1986 than was the case in New England.

Among the New England states, voluntary part-time employment was most prevalent in Massachusetts with 18 percent of the workforce choosing less than a 35-hour work schedule. In total, 17.1 percent of all employed New Englanders and 13.9 percent of all workers nationwide were on voluntary part-time schedules last year.

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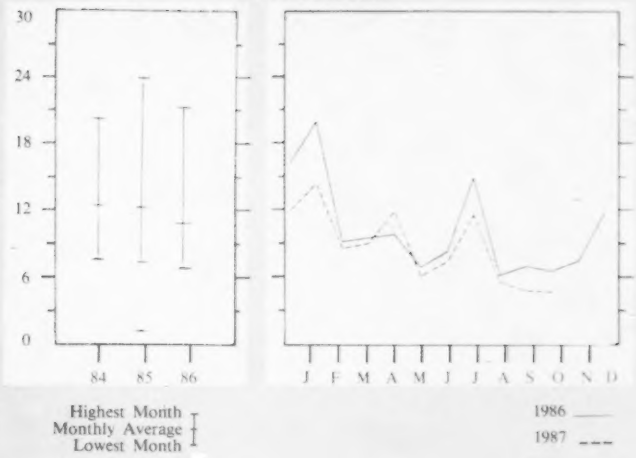

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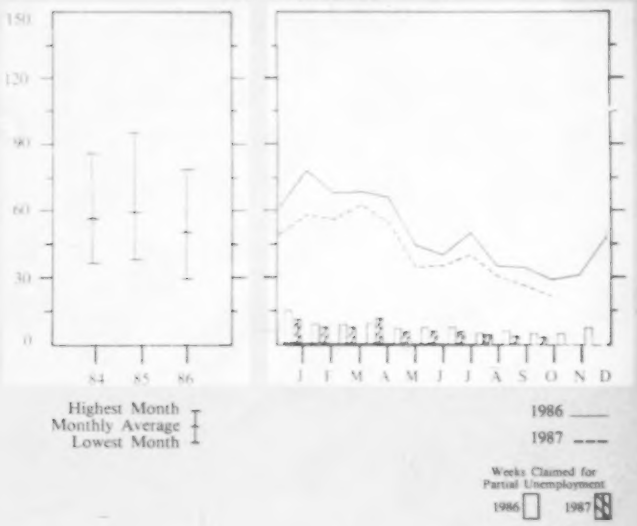

Distribution of Total Employment by Full- and Part-Time Status

1986 Annual Averages

Employment Status	Mass.	Conn.	R.I.	Maine	N.H.	Vt.	N.E.	U.S.
Total Employment (000)	2,934	1,674	490	533	546	279	6,455	109,598
Full-Time Schedules (%)	79.5	81.1	79.8	78.1	82.4	79.6	80.0	81.0
Part-Time for Economic Reasons (%)	2.5	2.3	3.7	6.0	2.2	3.9	2.9	5.1
Voluntary Part-Time (%)	18.0	16.6	16.5	15.9	15.4	16.5	17.1	13.9

Selected Employment Security Activities

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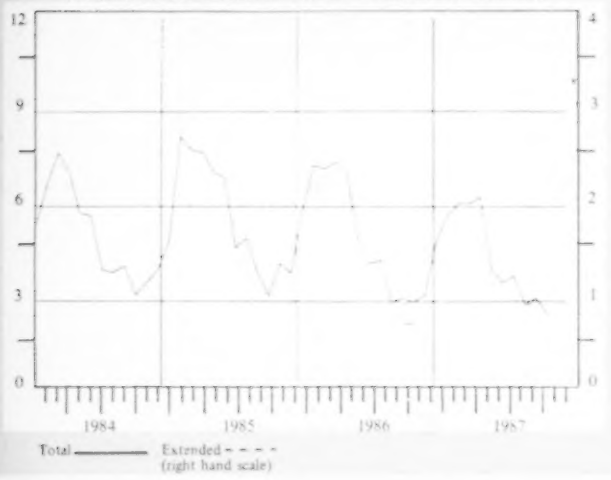

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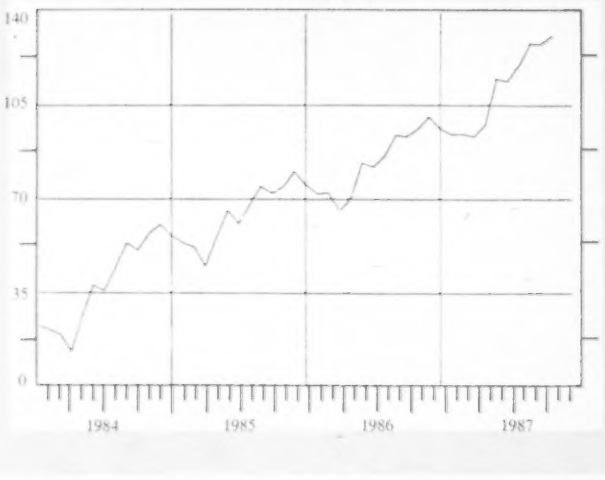

Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work
in Thousands

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND MSA This Month	PORTLAND MSA Last Month	PORTLAND MSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 1/	509.0	509.9	490.5	124.6	123.2	119.3	39.0	38.6	38.6
Total Manufacturing	104.6	104.2	105.5	15.8	15.7	16.5	9.8	9.8	10.1
Durable Goods	48.6	47.9	47.4	7.8	7.6	8.3	2.8	2.7	2.9
Lumber and Wood Products 2/	14.0	14.0	14.2	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.3	0.3	0.3
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.7	3.8	3.8	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.8
Machinery, except Electrical	4.1	4.0	4.0	2.4	2.3	2.2	0.2	0.2	0.3
Electrical and Electronic Equipment	10.7	10.4	10.1	3.3	3.3	3.6	0.7	0.7	0.8
Transportation Equipment 3/	11.0	10.8	10.5	(d)	(d)	(d)	0.2	0.2	0.2
Other Durable Goods 4/	5.1	4.9	4.8	0.8	0.7	1.1	0.6	0.5	0.5
Nondurable Goods	56.0	56.3	58.1	8.0	8.1	8.2	7.0	7.1	7.2
Food and Kindred Products	7.4	7.6	8.4	1.5	1.6	1.9	0.9	0.9	0.8
Textile Mill Products	6.3	6.2	6.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.2	1.2	1.2
Apparel	3.5	3.6	4.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.1	0.1	0.1
Paper and Allied Products	16.9	17.0	17.2	(d)	(d)	(d)	0.5	0.5	0.5
Printing and Publishing	5.0	4.9	4.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.6	0.6
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	3.2	3.5	3.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.5	1.6	1.5
Leather and Leather Products	12.1	12.2	12.0	1.5	1.5	1.4	2.1	2.1	2.4
Footwear (except Rubber)	10.1	10.1	10.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.7	1.7	1.8
Other Leather Products	2.0	2.1	2.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.4	0.4	0.6
Other Nondurable Goods 5/	1.3	1.3	1.2	5.0	5.0	4.9	0.1	0.1	0.1
Total Nonmanufacturing	404.4	405.7	385.0	108.8	107.5	102.8	29.2	28.8	28.5
Mining	0.1	0.1	0.1	*	*	*	*	*	*
Contract Construction	31.4	31.4	29.9	8.5	8.4	7.6	2.1	2.1	1.9
Transportation and Public Utilities	19.8	20.0	20.0	6.3	6.4	6.1	1.4	1.4	1.3
Wholesale Trade	24.7	24.8	23.2	9.0	8.9	8.7	1.9	1.9	2.1
Retail Trade	102.0	104.2	94.4	27.8	27.8	26.2	7.5	7.4	7.1
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	24.1	24.2	23.1	12.2	12.2	11.2	2.2	2.2	2.1
Services	109.5	111.0	103.6	29.8	29.9	27.9	10.1	9.9	10.0
Government	92.8	90.0	90.7	15.2	13.9	15.1	4.0	3.9	4.0
Federal	18.5	18.4	17.7	1.8	1.8	1.8	0.3	0.3	0.3
State and Local 6/	74.3	71.6	73.0	13.4	12.1	13.3	3.7	3.6	3.7
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	1.2	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/ Employment figures relate to full - and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/ Lumber and wood products and furniture and fixtures are combined in the Portland and Lewiston series. 3/ Transportation equipment and instruments are combined in the Lewiston series. 4/ Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 38, 39; Portland - 32, 38, 39; Lewiston - 32, 39. 5/ Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 28, 29; Portland - 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30; Lewiston - 23, 28, 29. 6/ Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. *Less than 50. (d) Nondisclosure item.

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New Applications For Work

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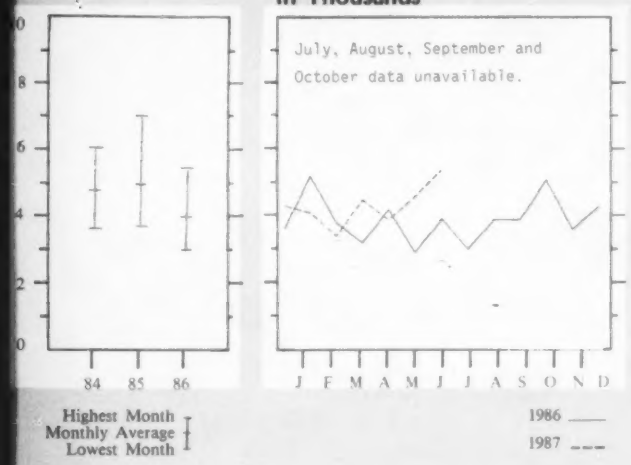

Nonfarm Placements

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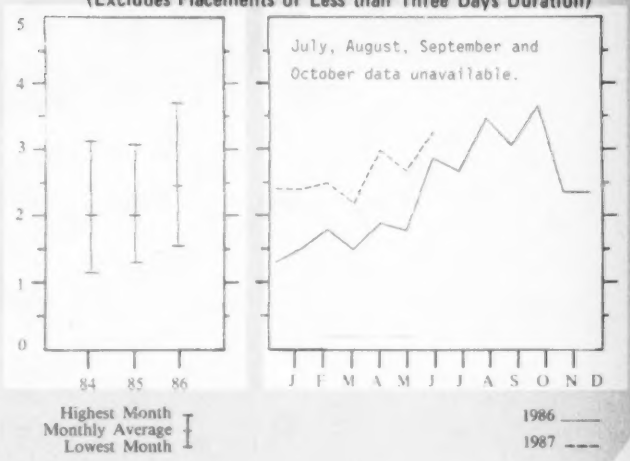

Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1986	1985	1984
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$370.40	$374.13	$355.25	41.9	40.1	40.6	$8.84	$9.33	$8.75	$8.65	$8.40	$8.05
Durable Goods	357.83	355.93	343.88	42.7	41.1	40.6	8.38	8.66	8.47	8.52	8.46	8.22
Lumber and Wood Products	336.13	331.24	313.60	40.4	39.2	40.0	8.32	8.45	7.84	7.74	8.06	7.57
Primary and Fabricated Metals	368.06	388.40	356.51	42.6	40.0	41.6	8.64	9.71	8.57	8.58	8.25	7.89
Machinery, except Electrical	432.91	417.70	379.82	46.6	45.7	39.4	9.29	9.14	9.64	9.62	9.11	8.36
Electrical and Electronic Equipment	333.26	326.01	308.32	42.4	40.1	38.3	7.86	8.13	8.05	7.94	7.57	7.56
Other Durable Goods	374.82	377.92	388.25	44.2	42.8	42.9	8.48	8.83	9.05	9.41	9.50	9.51
Nondurable Goods	381.41	389.65	364.18	41.1	39.2	40.6	9.28	9.94	8.97	8.76	8.31	7.95
Food and Kindred Products	278.32	259.20	249.66	39.2	36.1	36.5	7.10	7.18	6.84	7.00	6.63	6.46
Textile Mill Products	309.00	277.02	300.17	41.2	34.2	42.1	7.50	8.10	7.13	7.04	6.64	6.13
Apparel	244.09	234.42	225.97	38.5	36.4	38.3	6.34	6.44	5.90	6.73	5.83	5.55
Paper and Allied Products	631.90	674.63	618.42	46.6	45.8	47.1	13.56	14.73	13.13	12.70	12.25	11.62
Leather and Leather Products	240.13	237.76	216.22	37.0	35.7	35.1	6.49	6.66	6.16	6.05	5.93	5.80
Other Nondurable Goods	325.48	343.14	323.61	39.5	39.9	40.2	8.24	8.60	8.05	8.00	7.51	7.11
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing	385.56	378.56	349.68	42.0	41.6	38.3	9.18	9.10	9.13	9.17	8.90	8.08
LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA												
Manufacturing	296.46	296.81	278.85	39.9	38.9	39.0	7.43	7.63	7.15	7.19	6.78	6.58

Female Labor Force in Maine

in Thousands

ITEM	This Month 1/	Last Month 1/	Year Ago 2/
Labor Force	269.2	268.8	250.1
Unemployed	9.0	9.7	11.7
(Percent)	3.3%	3.6%	4.7%
Resident Employed	260.2	259.1	238.4

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec.
(1967=100) All Items (CPI-U)	345.3	344.4	330.5	331.1

Percent Change for Past Month	+0.3%
Percent Change from Last December	+4.3%
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+4.5%

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Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

in Thousands

AREA 1	LABOR FORCE 2			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE-Statewide	610.3	612.0	568.9	592.7	594.2	546.6	17.6	17.8	22.3	2.9	2.9	3.9
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor MSA	43,400	42,000	40,800	42,100	40,900	39,100	1,300	1,100	1,700	3.0	2.6	4.2
Lewiston-Auburn MSA	41,900	41,300	40,400	40,400	39,800	38,300	1,500	1,500	2,100	3.6	3.6	5.2
Portland MSA	129,600	127,200	119,600	127,300	125,100	117,200	2,300	2,100	2,400	1.8	1.7	2.0
Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA 3/	n/a	135,600	128,100	n/a	133,200	124,900	n/a	2,400	3,200	n/a	1.8	2.5
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	33,950	34,110	32,120	32,960	32,840	31,000	990	1,270	1,120	2.9	3.7	3.5
Bath-Brunswick	29,240	28,780	26,460	28,450	27,930	25,820	790	850	640	2.7	3.0	2.4
Belfast	11,480	11,630	10,930	11,000	11,210	10,280	480	420	650	4.2	3.6	5.9
Biddeford	27,660	28,020	25,440	26,930	27,450	24,360	730	570	1,080	2.6	2.0	4.2
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	14,510	14,900	12,900	14,260	14,610	12,610	250	290	290	1.7	1.9	2.2
Calais-Eastport	14,020	14,830	13,340	13,080	14,090	12,310	940	740	1,030	6.7	5.0	7.7
Caribou-Presque Isle	23,430	24,590	21,080	22,130	23,080	19,900	1,300	1,510	1,180	5.5	6.1	5.6
Central Penobscot	2,820	2,670	2,630	2,740	2,570	2,440	80	100	190	2.8	3.7	7.2
Dover-Foxcroft	6,560	6,540	6,600	6,320	6,300	6,190	240	240	410	3.7	3.7	6.2
Ellsworth	24,950	26,100	22,810	24,380	25,520	22,010	570	580	800	2.3	2.2	3.5
Farmington	12,170	12,140	12,140	11,630	11,610	11,410	540	530	730	4.4	4.4	6.0
Fort Kent-Allagash	5,900	6,360	5,550	5,680	6,080	5,240	220	280	310	3.7	4.4	5.6
Greenville	1,310	1,350	1,240	1,260	1,310	1,170	50	40	70	3.8	3.0	5.6
Houlton	6,100	6,680	5,890	5,910	6,440	5,570	190	240	320	3.1	3.6	5.4
Kittery-York 3/	30,920	30,860	28,290	30,660	30,610	27,990	240	250	300	0.8	0.8	1.1
Lincoln-Howland	5,260	5,510	5,250	5,080	5300	4,950	180	210	300	3.4	3.8	5.7
Livermore Falls	4,760	5,030	4,620	4,510	4,800	4,360	250	230	260	5.3	4.6	5.6
Madawaska-Van Buren	4,020	4,260	3,630	3,670	3,990	3,380	350	270	250	8.7	6.3	6.9
Millinocket-East Millinocket	4,360	4,320	4,270	4,110	4,130	3,990	250	190	280	5.7	4.4	6.6
Norway-Paris	12,270	12,090	11,520	11,900	11,740	10,950	370	350	570	3.0	2.9	4.9
Patten-Island Falls	2,530	2,780	2,450	2,400	2,670	2,300	130	110	150	5.1	4.0	6.1
Rockland	19,070	19,240	16,830	18,690	18,890	16,240	380	350	590	2.0	1.8	3.5
Rumford	8,820	8,860	7,980	8,500	8,450	7,660	320	410	630	3.6	4.6	7.9
Sanford	16,900	16,730	15,330	16,530	16,270	14,720	370	460	610	2.2	2.7	4.0
Sebago Lakes Region	13,830	14,020	12,450	13,570	13,640	12,110	260	380	340	1.9	2.7	2.7
Skowhegan	24,690	25,070	23,140	23,750	24,070	21,810	940	1,000	1,330	3.8	4.0	5.7
Southwest Penobscot	10,590	10,460	10,530	10,060	9,950	9,900	530	510	630	5.0	4.9	6.0
Waterville	23,300	23,500	22,770	22,680	22,820	21,790	620	680	980	2.7	2.9	4.3
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	n/a	1,795.5	1,759.4	n/a	1,744.8	1,702.8	n/a	50.7	56.6	n/a	2.8	3.2
Massachusetts	3,097.0	3,053.0	3,037.7	3,014.0	2,969.0	2,935.1	84.0	84.0	102.6	2.7	2.8	3.4
New Hampshire	n/a	600.5	570.0	n/a	588.1	557.1	n/a	12.4	12.9	n/a	2.1	2.3
Rhode Island	524.7	522.6	518.5	509.2	506.6	501.7	15.5	16.0	16.8	3.0	3.1	3.2
Vermont	301.8	296.2	298.3	291.1	287.7	286.1	10.7	8.5	12.2	3.5	2.9	4.1
NEW ENGLAND STATES	n/a	6,879.8	6,752.8	n/a	6,690.4	6,529.4	n/a	189.4	223.4	n/a	2.8	3.3
UNITED STATES 4/	120,744	119,884	118,699	113,898	113,027	110,857	6,845	6,857	7,842	5.7	5.7	6.6

MSA-Metropolitan Statistical Area

Note
n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.
Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding.

Footnote:

1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data adjusted to place of residence basis. Excludes members of the Armed Forces.

2/ Current and last month figures preliminary; year ago figures revised.

3/ Kittery-York is the eight-town Maine portion of the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA which includes towns in both Maine and New Hampshire.

4/ National estimates based on a sample of household visits; state estimates based on enlargements of employment figures reported.

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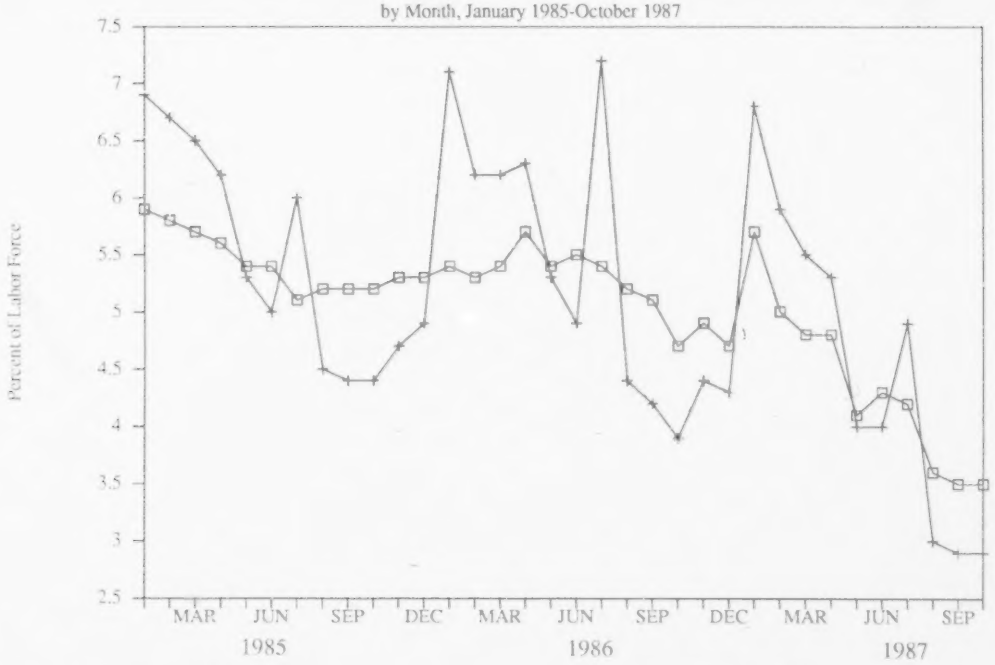
Mid-Month Insured Unemployment (Less Partials)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued-Week Claimants	3,783	4,205	5,854	431	487	634	382	446	600
Insured Unemployment Rate *	0.8	0.9	1.3	0.4	0.4	0.6	1.1	1.3	1.7

* Should not be confused with insured unemployment rates as defined in the Employment Security Law.

Unemployment Rates in Maine

by Month, January 1985-October 1987



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Governor Announces "STAR" Program

Governor John McKernan has announced a new training program designed to accelerate training and reemployment for the unemployed and those facing pending dislocation. The Strategic Training for Accelerated Reemployment Program (STAR) will be funded by a separate contribution under the unemployment compensation program. Maine will be only the third state to institute such a program, the Governor said.

"STAR will be a people driven program. It represents an investment in the workers of this state," the Governor said at a Tuesday morning State House news conference. "STAR's goal is to provide education and training to those who are either unemployed and on unemployment compensation, have received notice of a layoff, or will be laid off due to technological change," he said.

Continued unemployment compensation benefits and child care and transportation assistance would be available to STAR participants, the Governor said, noting that such support services are crucial to helping unemployed workers reenter the labor force.

The Governor said he would include legislation to institute STAR in his legislative package for the coming legislative session, and was hopeful that the Legislature would support it.

Statewide unemployment figures at a 30-year low mean that skilled workers are in demand by employers, the Governor said. "By applying unemployment compensation inventively to job training for the 17,000 still unemployed in Maine, we can hope to break the seemingly endless cycle of short-term jobs for a whole group of workers," he said. Maine workers need to obtain higher levels of reading, math and vocational skills to be competitive, the Governor said.

Under STAR, a training voucher worth up to $3,000 will be applied to tuition and training materials. Participants will be provided with

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UI Initial Claims

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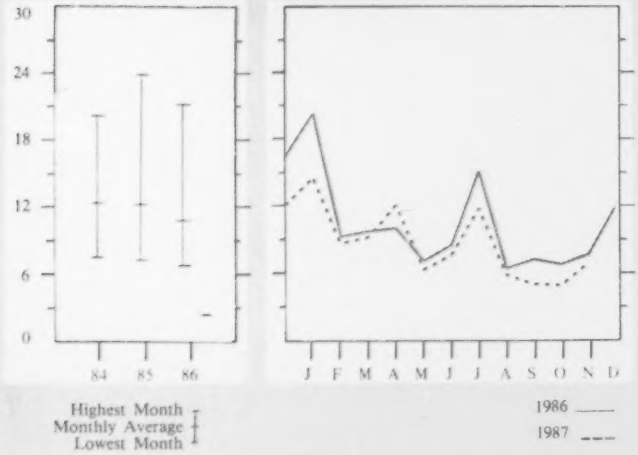

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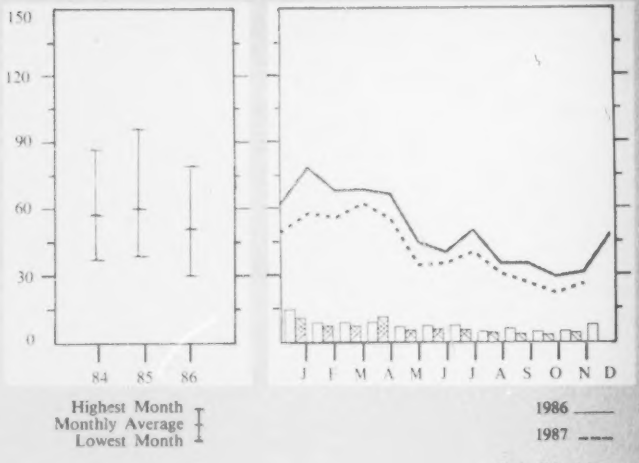

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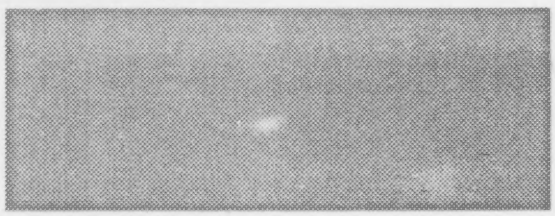
assessment, testing, counseling and an Individual Employment Plan that will direct them toward occupations in stable and expanding industries. Local panels will approve the occupational training programs to ensure that training is consistent with employers' needs, giving STAR a direct link between the individual's skills and local employers' needs. Employers with unique needs will be able to directly train individuals either through On-the-Job Training or Customized Occupational Training.

To be eligible for STAR, workers collecting unemployment insurance must register prior to the end of their eighth week of receiving benefits. Funding for the first year of STAR will be $2.9 million, and will benefit about 1,500 Maine people. "If Maine's economy continues to prosper, it is anticipated that, in 1989, the STAR program will have nearly $6 million and be serving over 3,000 Maine citizens," the Governor said.



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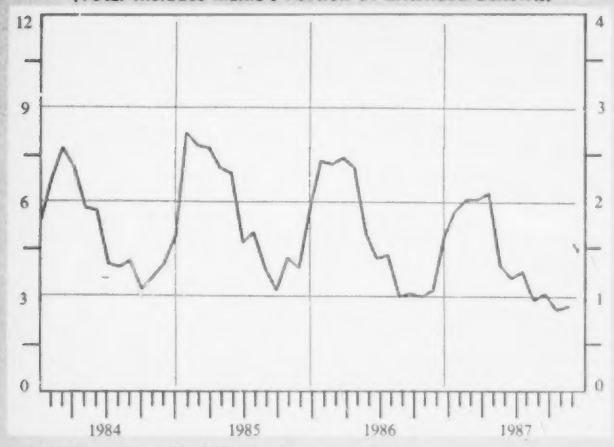
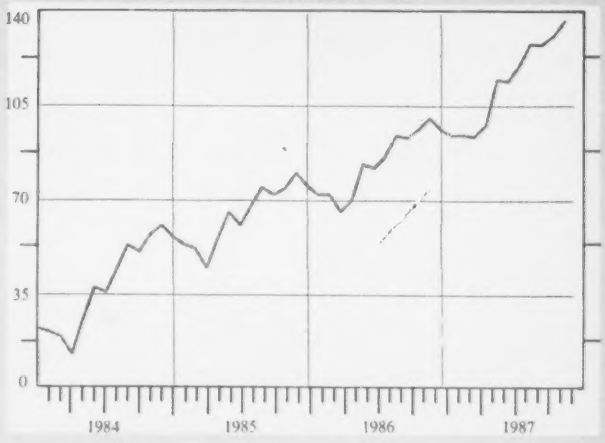


Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance in Millions

(End of Month)



Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work

in Thousands

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND MSA This Month	PORTLAND MSA Last Month	PORTLAND MSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 1/	509.8	509.0	486.8	124.3	124.6	119.9	39.1	39.0	38.4
Total Manufacturing	104.8	104.6	104.7	15.7	15.8	17.1	9.8	9.8	9.8
Durable Goods	48.9	48.6	47.3	7.7	7.8	8.9	2.8	2.8	2.8
Lumber and Wood Products 2/	13.6	14.0	13.9	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.3
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.8	3.7	3.9	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.8
Machinery, except Electrical	4.1	4.1	3.9	2.4	2.4	2.2	0.2	0.2	0.3
Electrical and Electronic Equipment	10.9	10.7	10.0	3.3	3.3	3.5	0.7	0.7	0.8
Transportation Equipment 3/	11.2	11.0	10.7	(d)	(d)	(d)	0.2	0.2	0.2
Other Durable Goods 4/	5.3	5.1	4.9	0.7	0.8	1.9	0.6	0.6	0.4
Nondurable Goods	55.9	56.0	57.4	8.0	8.0	8.2	7.0	7.0	7.0
Food and Kindred Products	7.1	7.4	8.0	1.5	1.5	1.9	0.8	0.9	0.8
Textile Mill Products	6.6	6.3	6.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.2	1.2	1.2
Apparel	3.5	3.5	4.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.1	0.1	0.1
Paper and Allied Products	17.0	16.9	17.2	(d)	(d)	(d)	0.5	0.5	0.5
Printing and Publishing	5.0	5.0	4.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.6	0.6
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	3.5	3.5	3.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.6	1.5	1.5
Leather and Leather Products	12.0	12.1	11.7	1.5	1.5	1.4	2.0	2.1	2.2
Footwear (except Rubber)	10.1	10.1	9.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.7	1.7	1.7
Other Leather Products	1.9	2.0	2.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.3	0.4	0.5
Other Nondurable Goods 5/	1.2	1.3	1.1	5.0	5.0	4.9	0.2	0.1	0.1
Total Nonmanufacturing	405.0	404.4	382.1	108.6	108.8	102.8	29.3	29.2	28.6
Mining	0.1	0.1	0.1	*	*	*	*	*	*
Contract Construction	31.0	31.4	27.9	8.2	8.5	7.2	2.1	2.1	1.9
Transportation and Public Utilities	19.6	19.8	19.7	6.3	6.3	6.0	1.4	1.4	1.3
Wholesale Trade	24.9	24.7	23.4	9.0	9.0	8.7	1.9	1.9	2.0
Retail Trade	103.1	102.0	94.1	28.0	27.8	26.8	7.6	7.5	7.3
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	24.0	24.1	23.1	12.1	12.2	11.2	2.2	2.2	2.1
Services	108.0	109.5	102.1	29.6	29.8	27.6	10.1	10.1	10.0
Government	94.3	92.8	91.7	15.4	15.2	15.3	4.0	4.0	4.0
Federal	18.7	18.5	17.7	1.8	1.8	1.8	0.3	0.3	0.3
State and Local 6/	75.6	74.3	74.0	13.6	13.4	13.5	3.7	3.7	3.7
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	1.2	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/ Employment figures relate to full - and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/ Lumber and wood products and furniture and fixtures are combined in the Portland and Lewiston series. 3/ Transportation equipment and instruments are combined in the Lewiston series. 4/ Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 38, 39; Portland - 32, 38, 39; Lewiston - 32, 39. 5/ Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 28, 29; Portland - 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30; Lewiston - 23, 28, 29. 6/ Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. *Less than 50. (d) Nondisclosure item.

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New Applications For Work

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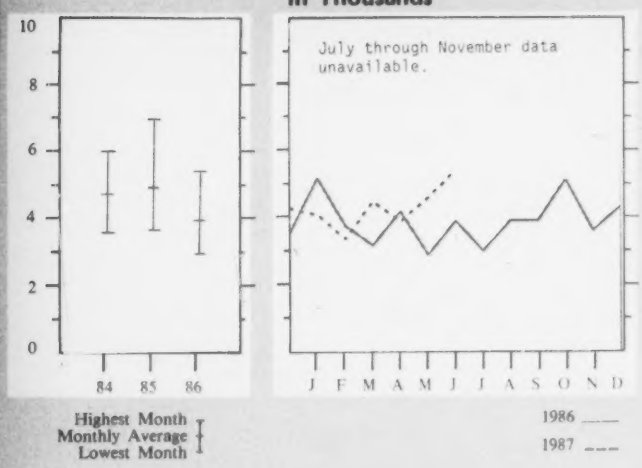

Nonfarm Placements

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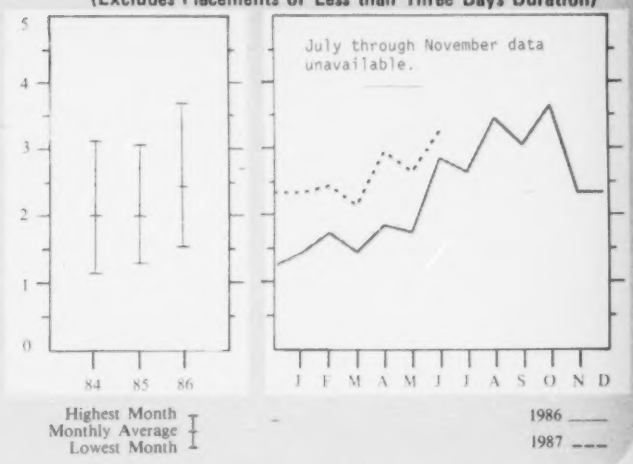

Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1986	1985	1984
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$373.27	$370.40	$364.34	41.2	41.9	40.8	$9.06	$8.84	$8.93	$8.65	$8.40	$8.05
Durable Goods	361.22	357.83	347.54	42.9	42.7	40.6	8.42	8.38	8.56	8.52	8.46	8.22
Lumber and Wood Products	333.28	336.13	321.20	40.3	40.4	40.2	8.27	8.32	7.99	7.74	8.06	7.57
Primary and Fabricated Metals	401.39	368.06	363.80	45.1	42.6	41.2	8.90	8.64	8.83	8.58	8.25	7.89
Machinery, except Electrical	449.83	432.91	373.25	50.6	46.6	38.4	8.89	9.29	9.72	9.62	9.11	8.36
Electrical and Electronic Equipment	329.21	333.26	323.21	41.1	42.4	40.3	8.01	7.86	8.02	7.94	7.57	7.56
Other Durable Goods	377.94	374.82	383.72	44.1	44.2	41.8	8.57	8.48	9.18	9.41	9.50	9.51
Nondurable Goods	385.09	381.41	377.51	39.7	41.1	40.9	9.70	9.28	9.23	8.76	8.31	7.95
Food and Kindred Products	259.56	278.32	254.53	34.7	39.2	35.4	7.48	7.10	7.19	7.00	6.63	6.46
Textile Mill Products	304.58	309.00	311.18	39.3	41.2	43.1	7.75	7.50	7.22	7.04	6.64	6.13
Apparel	249.36	244.09	224.65	38.6	38.5	38.8	6.46	6.34	5.79	5.73	5.83	5.55
Paper and Allied Products	637.33	631.90	635.24	44.6	46.6	46.3	14.29	13.56	13.72	12.70	12.25	11.62
Leather and Leather Products	243.17	240.13	225.94	36.9	37.0	36.5	6.59	6.49	6.19	6.05	5.93	5.80
Other Nondurable Goods	328.55	325.48	334.55	39.3	39.5	41.1	8.36	8.24	8.14	8.00	7.51	7.11
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing	389.23	385.56	375.88	43.2	42.0	39.4	9.01	9.18	9.54	9.17	8.90	8.08
LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA												
Manufacturing	300.80	296.46	285.48	40.0	39.9	39.0	7.52	7.43	7.32	7.19	6.78	6.58

Female Labor Force in Maine

in Thousands

ITEM	This Month 1/	Last Month 1/	Year Ago 2/
Labor Force	267.4	269.2	248.5
Unemployed	10.4	9.0	12.5
(Percent)	3.9%	3.3%	5.0%
Resident Employed	257.0	260.2	236.0

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec
(1967=100) All Items	345.3	345.3	330.8	331.1

Percent Change for Past Month	+0.1%
Percent Change from Last December	+4.4%
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+4.5%

1/ Preliminary estimates 2/ Revised

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

in Thousands

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE-Statewide	601.4	610.3	563.8	580.4	592.7	539.2	21.0	17.6	24.6	3.5	2.9	4.4
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor MSA	43,200	43,400	41,000	42,000	42,100	39,100	1,200	1,300	1,900	2.8	3.0	4.6
Lewiston-Auburn MSA	41,900	41,900	40,500	40,200	40,400	38,200	1,700	1,500	2,300	4.1	3.6	5.7
Portland MSA	128,700	129,600	120,600	126,300	127,300	117,900	2,400	2,300	2,700	1.9	1.8	2.2
Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA 3/	131,700	134,500	126,500	129,400	132,400	123,600	2,300	2,100	2,900	1.7	1.6	2.3
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	33,710	33,950	31,810	32,590	32,960	30,500	1,120	990	1,310	3.3	2.9	4.1
Bath-Brunswick	28,920	29,240	25,650	28,080	28,450	25,110	840	790	540	2.9	2.7	2.1
Belfast	10,880	11,480	10,490	10,310	11,000	9,780	570	480	710	5.2	4.2	6.8
Biddeford	27,150	27,660	24,970	26,530	26,930	23,810	620	730	1,160	2.3	2.6	4.6
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	13,180	14,510	11,800	12,660	14,260	11,310	520	250	490	3.9	1.7	4.2
Calais-Eastport	14,290	14,020	13,320	13,240	13,080	12,320	1,050	940	1,000	7.3	6.7	7.5
Caribou-Presque Isle	23,210	23,430	21,110	21,540	22,130	19,530	1,670	1,300	1,580	7.2	5.5	7.5
Central Penobscot	2,880	2,820	2,650	2,760	2,740	2,500	120	80	150	4.2	2.8	5.7
Dover-Foxcroft	6,690	6,560	6,730	6,390	6,320	6,300	300	240	430	4.5	3.7	6.4
Ellsworth	23,290	24,950	21,280	21,940	24,380	20,220	1,350	570	1,060	5.8	2.3	5.0
Farmington	12,270	12,170	11,940	11,670	11,630	11,250	600	540	690	4.9	4.4	5.8
Fort Kent-Allagash	5,820	5,900	5,330	5,480	5,680	4,990	340	220	340	5.8	3.7	6.4
Greenville	1,310	1,310	1,230	1,250	1,260	1,160	60	50	70	4.6	3.8	5.7
Houlton	6,120	6,100	5,710	5,760	5,910	5,400	360	190	310	5.9	3.1	5.4
Kittery-York 3/	30,300	30,920	28,240	29,970	30,680	27,900	330	240	340	1.1	0.8	1.2
Lincoln-Howland	5,330	5,260	5,280	5,120	5,080	5,000	210	180	280	3.9	3.4	5.3
Livermore Falls	4,670	4,760	4,550	4,320	4,510	4,240	350	250	310	7.5	5.3	6.8
Madawaska-Van Buren	3,740	4,020	3,640	3,460	3,670	3,280	280	350	360	7.5	8.7	9.9
Millinocket-East Millinocket	4,240	4,360	4,320	4,070	4,110	4,030	170	250	290	4.0	5.7	6.7
Norway-Paris	12,110	12,270	11,320	11,710	11,900	10,670	400	370	650	3.3	3.0	5.7
Patten-Island Falls	2,460	2,530	2,480	2,340	2,400	2,290	120	130	190	4.9	5.1	7.7
Rockland	18,700	19,070	16,510	18,190	18,690	15,840	510	380	670	2.7	2.0	4.1
Rumford	8,740	8,820	8,120	8,410	8,500	7,460	330	320	660	3.8	3.6	8.1
Sanford	16,740	16,900	15,430	16,260	16,530	14,790	480	370	640	2.9	2.2	4.1
Sebago Lakes Region	12,460	13,830	11,320	12,160	13,570	11,000	300	260	320	2.4	1.9	2.8
Skowhegan	24,440	24,690	22,920	23,270	23,750	21,580	1,170	940	1,340	4.8	3.8	5.8
Southwest Penobscot	10,500	10,590	10,570	9,860	10,060	9,820	640	530	750	6.1	5.0	7.1
Waterville	23,550	23,300	23,030	22,700	22,680	21,920	850	620	1,110	3.6	2.7	4.8
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	n/a	1,795.8	1,768.1	n/a	1,743.7	1,710.1	n/a	52.1	58.0	n/a	2.9	3.3
Massachusetts	3,085.0	3,097.0	3,051.3	3,013.0	3,014.0	2,939.9	72.0	84.0	111.4	2.3	2.7	3.6
New Hampshire	591.3	597.9	567.4	578.0	585.4	553.5	13.3	12.5	13.9	2.2	2.1	2.4
Rhode Island	530.4	524.7	519.6	514.0	509.2	502.2	16.4	15.5	17.4	3.1	3.0	3.3
Vermont	297.0	301.8	296.8	286.8	291.1	283.5	10.2	10.7	13.3	3.4	3.5	4.5
NEW ENGLAND STATES	n/a	6,928.5	6,767.0	n/a	6,736.1	6,528.4	n/a	192.4	238.6	n/a	2.8	3.5
UNITED STATES 4/	120,611	120,744	118,623	113,809	113,898	110,751	6,802	6,845	7,872	5.6	5.7	6.6

MSA-Metropolitan Statistical Area

Note

n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing. Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding.

Footnotes

1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data adjusted to place of residence basis. Excludes members of the Armed Forces.

2/ Current and last month figures preliminary; year ago figures revised.

3/ Kittery-York is the eight-town Maine portion of the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA which includes towns in both Maine and New Hampshire.

4/ National estimates based on a sample of household visits; state estimates based on enlargements of employment figures reported.

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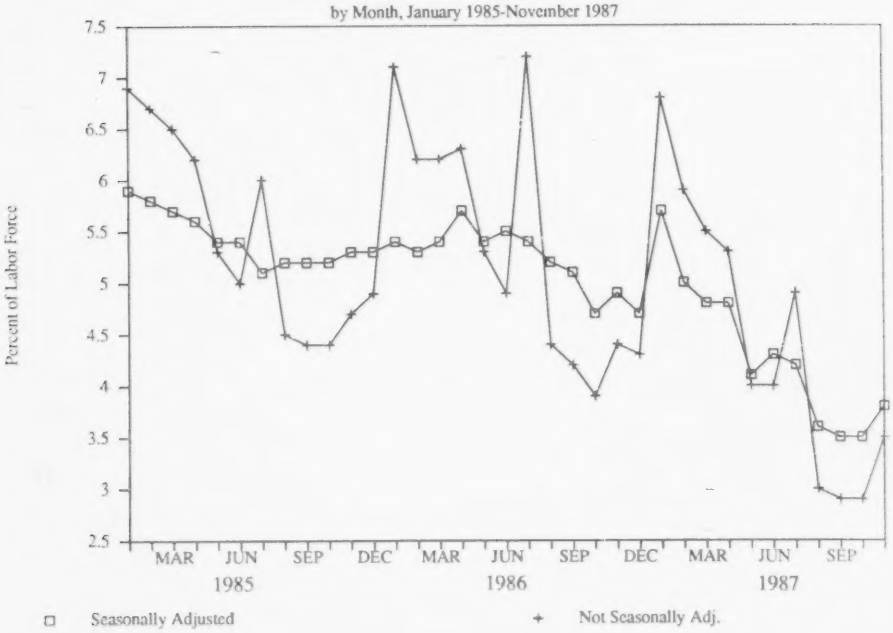
Mid-Month Insured Unemployment (Less Partials)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued-Week Claimants	4,696	3,783	7,233	479	431	734	414	382	722
Insured Unemployment Rate *	1.0	0.8	1.6	0.4	0.4	0.7	1.2	1.1	2.0

* Should not be confused with insured unemployment rates as defined in the Employment Security Law.

Unemployment Rates in Maine

by Month, January 1985-November 1987



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Civilian Labor Force

During 1987 employment growth outpaced civilian labor force gains in Maine. Between 1986 and 1987 the civilian labor force increased by 3.3 percent, from 562,000 to 580,700. At the same time, resident employment increased by approximately 4.5 percent, from 532,000 to 555,700. During 1987 total employment topped 600,000 for the first time ever, reaching 600,100 in August.

While the number of people in the civilian labor force increased by 18,700 between 1986 and 1987, total resident employment grew by 23,700. As a result of employment growing faster than the number of people available to take jobs, unemployment dropped by 5,000 between 1986 and 1987. With 5,000 fewer persons unemployed, Maine's unemployment rate fell from 5.3 percent in 1986 to 4.3 percent in 1987. The statewide rate compares favorably with the national rate which declined from 7.0 percent in 1986 to 6.2 percent in 1987. For the seventh straight year Maine's unemployment rate fell below the national average. During 1987 monthly rates of 2.9 percent were recorded in September and October, representing 31-year lows for unemployment rates in Maine.

Counties

All counties within Maine, with the exception of Sagadahoc County, registered unemployment rate declines between 1986 and 1987. The tightest labor markets in 1987, as measured by unemployment rates, were in southern and coastal counties, including Cumberland (2.4 percent), York (2.7 percent), Lincoln (3.4 percent), and Knox (3.4 percent). The highest 1987 unemployment rates were recorded by Washington (8.9 percent) and Aroostook (7.9 percent) counties.

Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment

Most of the increase in total statewide resident employment of 23,700 between 1986 and 1987 was due to a gain of 19,800 nonfarm wage and salary jobs. During the past year the 4.2 percent growth in nonfarm employment was led by the nonmanufacturing sector, similar to the growth registered between 1985 and 1986 when nonmanufacturing employment gains led to a 4.1 percent increase in nonfarm employment.

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UI Initial Claims

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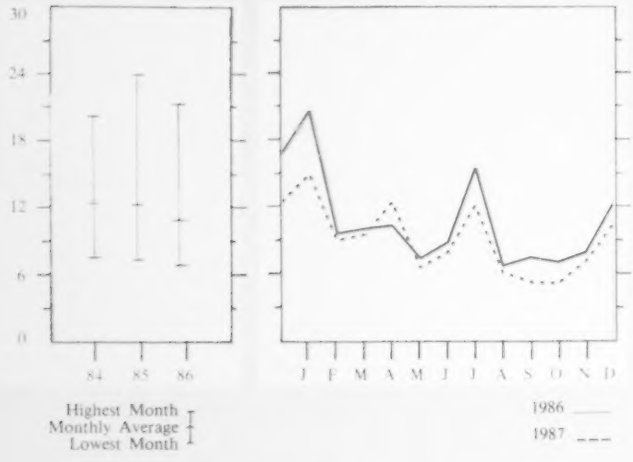

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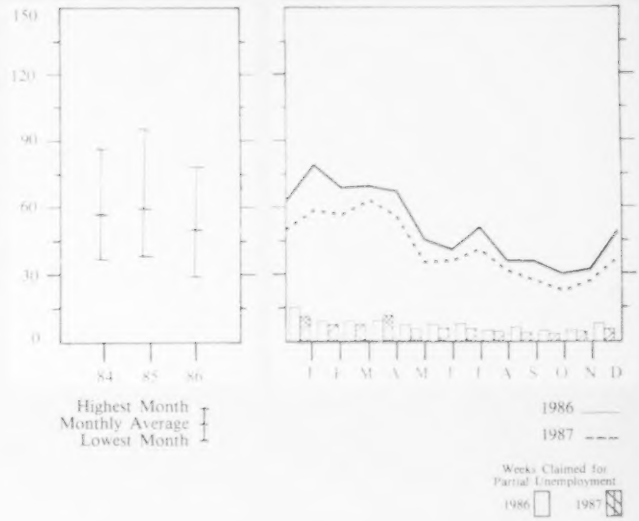

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Nonmanufacturing

Employment in the nonmanufacturing sector increased by 20,600 between 1986 and 1987 led by gains in services, retail trade, and construction. All other nonmanufacturing industries, including government, wholesale trade, transportation and public utilities, and finance, insurance, and real estate also registered employment increases over the year. During 1987 all-time employment highs were reached by several of the nonmanufacturing industries, including retail trade, services, construction, wholesale trade, and finance, insurance, and real estate.

Manufacturing

Manufacturing employment remained relatively stable, with a decline of only 800 jobs between 1986 and 1987. However, four of Maine's manufacturing industries reached all-time employment highs during 1987, including electrical and electronic equipment, transportation equipment, furniture and fixtures, and stone, clay, and glass. For most manufacturing industries, output has been going up as employers boost productivity through new equipment and processes.

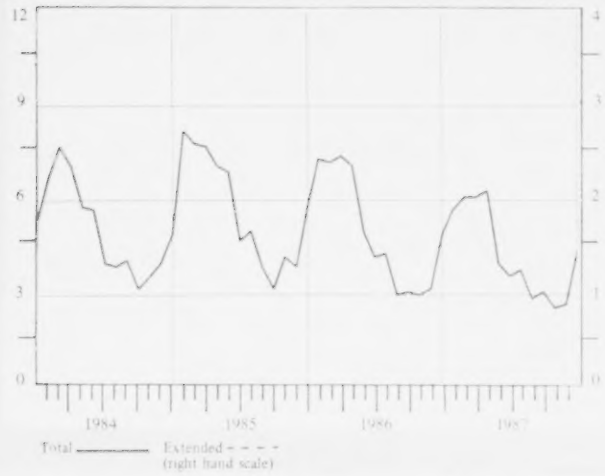
Within the manufacturing sector, employment gains of 1,400 in durable goods industries were more than offset by losses of 2,200 in nondurable goods industries. Much of the gain in durable goods employment was the result of an increase of 800 in the manufacture of transportation equipment. Expansion by Bath Iron Works accounted for most of the gain of 800. Employment in the other durable goods grouping increased by 400 between 1986 and 1987 due to some growth in furniture and fixtures, professional and technical equipment, and stone, clay, and glass products. Electrical and electronic equipment continued a gradual climb in employment, increasing by 300 between 1986 and 1987 as some of the stronger firms expanded.

Selected Employment Security Activities

MAINE JOB SERVICE

UI Benefit Payments
in Millions

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



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Transportation Equipment 3/	11.4	11.2	10.8	(d)	(d)	(d)	0.2	0.2	0.2
Other Durable Goods 4/	5.2	5.3	4.8	0.8	0.7	1.1	0.4	0.6	0.4
Nondurable Goods	56.6	55.9	57.8	8.1	8.0	8.4	7.1	7.0	7.0
Food and Kindred Products	7.2	7.1	7.2	1.6	1.6	1.9	0.8	0.8	0.8
Textile Mill Products	6.7	6.6	6.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.2	1.2	1.2
Apparel	3.5	3.5	4.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.1	0.1	0.1
Paper and Allied Products	17.3	17.0	17.6	(d)	(d)	(d)	0.5	0.5	0.5
Printing and Publishing	5.1	5.0	5.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.7	0.6	0.6
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	3.6	3.5	3.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.6	1.6	1.6
Leather and Leather Products	12.2	12.0	11.8	1.5	1.5	1.5	2.0	2.0	2.1
Footwear (except Rubber)	10.2	10.1	9.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.6	1.7	1.6
Other Leather Products	2.0	1.9	2.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.4	0.3	0.5
Other Nondurable Goods 5/	1.0	1.2	1.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	0.2	0.2	0.1
Total Nonmanufacturing	406.0	405.0	381.2	109.2	108.6	103.3	29.5	29.3	28.5
Mining	0.1	0.1	0.1	*	*	*	*	*	*
Contract Construction	30.2	31.0	26.4	8.2	8.2	7.1	2.0	2.1	1.7
Transportation and Public Utilities	19.4	19.6	19.6	6.2	6.3	6.0	1.4	1.4	1.3
Wholesale Trade	25.0	24.9	23.4	9.0	9.0	8.8	1.9	1.9	2.0
Retail Trade	105.4	103.1	94.8	28.5	28.0	27.3	7.9	7.6	7.4
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	24.2	24.0	23.1	12.1	12.1	11.1	2.2	2.2	2.2
Services	107.9	108.0	102.4	29.7	29.6	27.6	10.0	10.1	9.9
Government	93.8	94.3	91.4	15.5	15.4	15.4	4.1	4.0	4.0
Federal	18.6	18.7	17.9	1.9	1.8	1.8	0.3	0.3	0.3
State and Local 6/	75.2	75.6	73.5	13.6	13.6	13.6	3.8	3.7	3.7
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	1.6	1.2	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/ Employment figures relate to full - and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/ Lumber and wood products and furniture and fixtures are combined in the Portland and Lewiston series. 3/ Transportation equipment and instruments are combined in the Lewiston series. 4/ Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 38, 39; Portland - 32, 38, 39; Lewiston - 32, 39. 5/ Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 28, 29; Portland - 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30; Lewiston - 23, 28, 29. 6/ Regular teachers are included in summer months, whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. *Less than 50. (d) Nondisclosure item.

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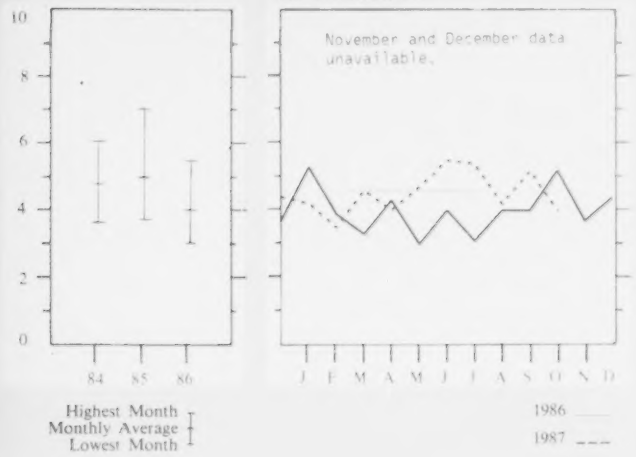
New Applications For Work

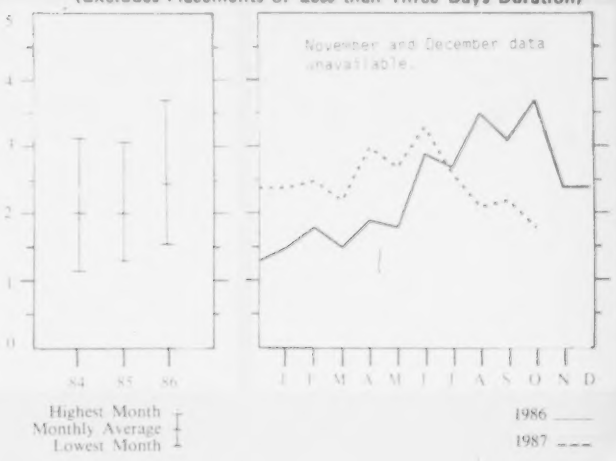
in Thousands



Nonfarm Placements

in Thousands

(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1986	1985	1984
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$370.12	$370.82	$363.96	41.4	41.9	41.5	$8.94	$8.85	$8.77	$8.65	$8.40	$8.05
Durable Goods	361.24	360.72	354.90	42.7	43.2	42.0	8.46	8.35	8.45	8.52	8.46	8.22
Lumber and Wood Products	338.99	342.77	322.55	40.5	42.9	41.3	8.37	7.99	7.81	7.74	8.06	7.57
Primary and Fabricated Metals	399.25	401.39	385.85	42.7	45.1	43.5	9.35	8.90	8.87	8.58	8.25	7.89
Machinery, except Electrical	477.74	417.23	399.07	53.2	45.4	41.7	8.98	9.19	9.57	9.62	9.11	8.36
Electrical and Electronic Equipment	321.88	329.21	325.20	40.9	41.1	40.0	7.87	8.01	8.13	7.94	7.57	7.56
Other Durable Goods	376.26	377.94	391.15	43.7	44.1	43.9	8.61	8.57	8.91	9.41	9.50	9.51
Nondurable Goods	378.82	379.73	371.13	40.3	40.7	41.1	9.40	9.33	9.03	8.76	8.31	7.95
Food and Kindred Products	276.02	259.78	266.58	37.0	35.2	37.6	7.46	7.38	7.09	7.00	6.63	6.46
Textile Mill Products	293.96	296.61	306.25	39.3	39.8	42.3	7.48	7.45	7.24	7.04	6.64	6.13
Apparel	220.54	239.00	213.56	35.4	40.1	38.0	6.23	5.96	5.62	5.73	5.83	5.55
Paper and Allied Products	604.80	637.49	602.53	44.8	46.6	46.1	13.50	13.68	13.07	12.70	12.25	11.62
Leather and Leather Products	250.80	236.74	234.99	38.0	37.4	37.3	6.60	6.33	6.30	6.05	5.93	5.80
Other Nondurable Goods	339.73	328.80	337.34	40.3	40.0	40.4	8.43	8.22	8.35	8.00	7.51	7.11
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing	389.62	389.23	372.40	43.1	43.2	40.0	9.04	9.01	9.31	9.17	8.90	8.08
LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA												
Manufacturing	315.47	300.80	296.68	41.4	40.0	40.2	7.62	7.52	7.38	7.19	6.78	6.58

Female Labor Force in Maine

in Thousands

ITEM	This Month 1/	Last Month 1/	Year Ago 2/
Labor Force	267.0	267.4	246.8
Unemployed	9.9	10.4	11.7
(Percent)	3.7%	3.9%	4.7%
Resident Employed	257.1	257.0	235.1

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec
(1967=100) All Items	345.7	345.8	331.1	331.1

Percent Change for Past Month	0.0%
Percent Change from Last Dec (index)	+4.4%
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+4.4%

1/ Preliminary estimates 2/ Revised

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

in Thousands

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE-Statewide	600.1	601.4	556.6	578.8	580.4	532.6	21.3	21.0	24.0	3.5	3.5	4.3
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor MSA	43,300	43,200	40,600	42,000	42,000	38,800	1,300	1,200	1,800	3.0	2.8	4.4
Lewiston-Auburn MSA	42,200	41,900	40,200	40,300	40,200	38,000	1,900	1,700	2,200	4.5	4.1	5.5
Portland MSA	129,400	128,700	119,500	127,000	126,300	117,100	2,400	2,400	2,400	1.9	1.9	2.0
Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA 3/	n/a	131,700	126,200	n/a	129,400	123,200	n/a	2,300	3,000	n/a	1.7	2.4
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	33,580	33,710	31,390	32,440	32,590	30,170	1,140	1,120	1,220	3.4	3.3	3.9
Bath-Brunswick	28,680	28,920	26,100	27,960	28,080	25,540	720	840	560	2.5	2.9	2.1
Belfast	11,170	10,880	10,340	10,280	10,310	9,500	890	570	840	8.0	5.2	8.1
Biddeford	26,660	27,150	24,480	25,930	26,530	23,440	730	620	1,040	2.7	2.3	4.2
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	12,710	13,180	11,250	12,240	12,660	10,710	470	520	540	3.7	3.9	4.8
Calais-Eastport	14,040	14,290	12,780	13,010	13,240	11,840	1,030	1,050	940	7.3	7.3	7.4
Caribou-Presque Isle	23,270	23,210	20,890	21,550	21,540	19,290	1,720	1,670	1,600	7.4	7.2	7.7
Central Penobscot	2,800	2,880	2,610	2,680	2,760	2,460	120	120	150	4.3	4.2	5.7
Dover-Foxcroft	6,660	6,690	6,670	6,390	6,390	6,240	270	300	430	4.1	4.5	6.4
Ellsworth	22,470	23,290	20,500	21,330	21,940	19,250	1,140	1,350	1,250	5.1	5.8	6.1
Farmington	12,500	12,270	12,120	12,020	11,670	11,470	480	600	650	3.8	4.9	5.4
Fort Kent-Allagash	5,620	5,820	5,300	5,370	5,480	4,920	250	340	380	4.4	5.8	7.2
Greenville	1,320	1,310	1,230	1,220	1,250	1,120	100	60	110	7.6	4.6	8.9
Houlton	6,010	6,120	5,680	5,800	5,760	5,320	210	360	360	3.5	5.9	6.3
Kittery-York 3/	30,380	30,300	28,120	29,990	29,970	27,760	390	330	360	1.3	1.1	1.3
Lincoln-Howland	5,340	5,330	5,160	5,100	5,120	4,920	240	210	240	4.5	3.9	4.7
Livermore-Falls	4,430	4,670	4,390	4,150	4,320	4,090	280	350	300	6.3	7.5	6.8
Madawaska-Van Buren	3,760	3,740	3,610	3,430	3,460	3,250	330	280	360	8.8	7.5	10.0
Millinocket-East Millinocket	4,360	4,240	4,220	4,060	4,070	3,970	300	170	250	6.9	4.0	5.9
Norway-Paris	12,100	12,110	11,090	11,700	11,710	10,590	400	400	500	3.3	3.3	4.5
Patten-Island Falls	2,510	2,460	2,400	2,340	2,340	2,230	170	120	170	6.8	4.9	7.1
Rockland	18,510	18,700	16,240	17,960	18,190	15,550	550	510	690	3.0	2.7	4.2
Rumford	8,920	8,740	8,070	8,550	8,410	7,550	370	330	520	4.1	3.8	6.4
Sanford	16,600	16,740	15,230	16,160	16,260	14,530	440	480	700	2.7	2.9	4.6
Sebago Lakes Region	12,220	12,460	10,990	11,950	12,160	10,690	270	300	300	2.2	2.4	2.7
Skowhegan	24,470	24,440	22,430	23,220	23,270	21,040	1,250	1,170	1,390	5.1	4.8	6.2
Southwest Penobscot	10,470	10,500	10,270	9,830	9,860	9,530	640	640	740	6.1	6.1	7.2
Waterville	23,780	23,550	22,860	22,920	22,700	21,770	860	850	1,090	3.6	3.6	4.8
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	n/a	1,796.5	1,777.2	n/a	1,739.8	1,715.4	n/a	56.7	61.3	n/a	3.2	3.4
Massachusetts	3,075.0	3,085.0	3,055.9	2,993.0	3,013.0	2,960.5	81.0	72.0	95.4	2.6	2.3	3.1
New Hampshire	593.1	591.3	565.9	580.0	578.0	551.8	13.1	13.3	14.1	2.2	2.2	2.5
Rhode Island	531.2	530.4	519.7	512.4	514.0	500.2	18.8	16.4	19.5	3.5	3.1	3.7
Vermont	302.8	297.0	296.8	292.2	286.8	283.5	10.7	10.2	13.3	3.5	3.4	4.5
NEW ENGLAND STATES	n/a	6,901.6	6,772.1	n/a	6,712.0	6,544.5	n/a	189.6	227.6	n/a	2.7	3.4
UNITED STATES 4/	120,206	120,611	118,049	113,679	113,809	110,588	6,526	6,802	7,461	5.4	5.6	6.3

MSA-Metropolitan Statistical Area

Note

n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.
Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding.

Footnotes

1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data adjusted to place of residence basis. Excludes members of the Armed Forces.

2/ Current and last month figures preliminary; year ago figures revised.

3/ Kittery-York is the eight-town Maine portion of the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA which includes towns in both Maine and New Hampshire.

4/ National estimates based on a sample of household visits; state estimates based on enlargements of employment figures reported.

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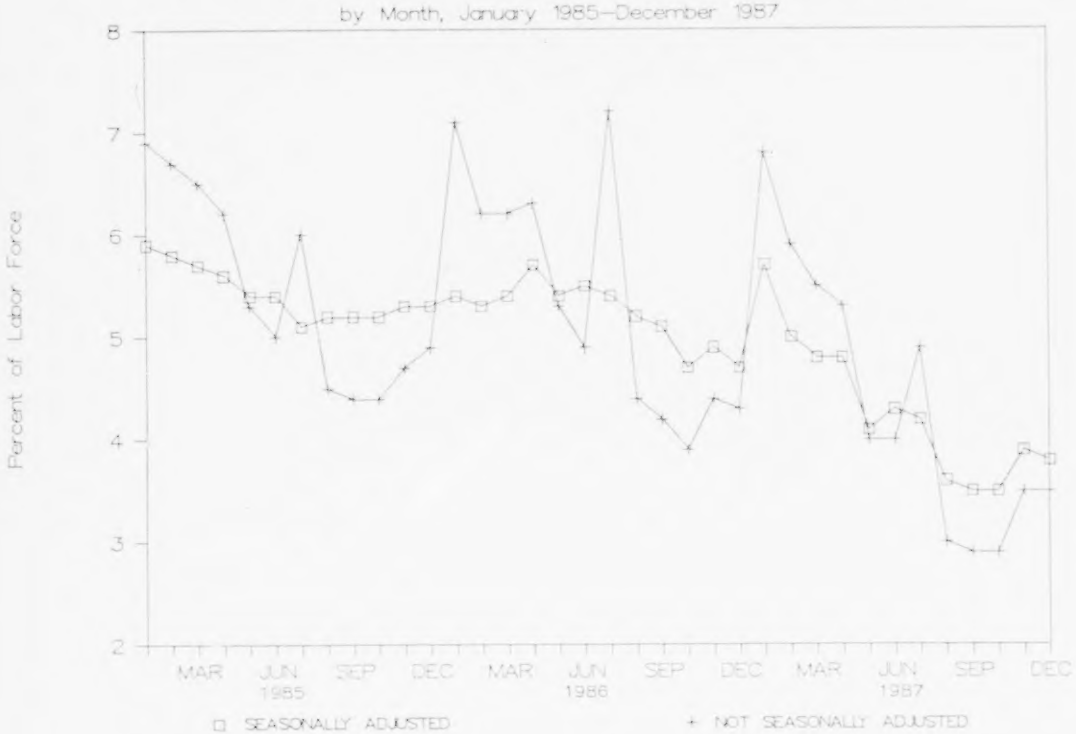
Mid-Month Insured Unemployment (Less Partials)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued Week Claimants	6,205	4,696	8,139	588	479	784	583	414	755
Insured Unemployment Rate *	1.3	1.0	1.8	0.5	0.4	0.7	1.6	1.2	2.1

* Should not be confused with insured unemployment rates as defined in the Employment Security Law.

Unemployment Rates in Maine

by Month, January 1985–December 1987



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LABOR MARKET SUCCESS CONTINUES TO BE LINKED TO EDUCATION

Education continues to be a key determinant of labor market success, according to national statistics released by the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics. In March 1987, college graduates had a very low rate of unemployment--2.3 percent--and much higher rates of labor force participation than persons with less education.

The educational level of the adult labor force (25 to 64 years old) is continuing to rise; this is particularly evident in the increase in the proportion of workers--particularly women--with four years of college or more. One out of four members of the labor force now has a college degree, and women represent 40 percent of college-educated workers.

College graduates have the highest rates of labor force participation--whether male or female, white, black, or Hispanic. Overall, 88 percent of all college graduates (25 to 64 years old) were in the labor force in March 1987. In contrast, the participation rate for persons with a high-school education was 77 percent, and that for persons who completed less than four years of high school was 61 percent. Women with a college degree had a labor force participation rate of 80 percent, 14 points less than that for college-educated men.

Black and Hispanic workers remain much less likely than white workers to have a college degree. About one out of four white workers have attended college for four years or more, compared with one out of seven blacks and one out of nine Hispanics. Whites also are more likely to have completed high school. Fourteen percent of white workers drop out of high school, compared with 24 percent of black and 40 percent of Hispanic workers.

In March 1987, as in other years, the lowest rates of unemployment were recorded by college graduates. The unemployment rate for college graduates (25 to 64 years of age) was 2.3 percent, compared with 4.5 percent for those with one to three years of college, 6.3 percent for high school graduates, and 11.1 percent for high school dropouts.

College graduates are heavily concentrated in managerial and professional specialty occupations. Three out of four professional specialty workers and almost half of all executives, administrators, and managers are college graduates.

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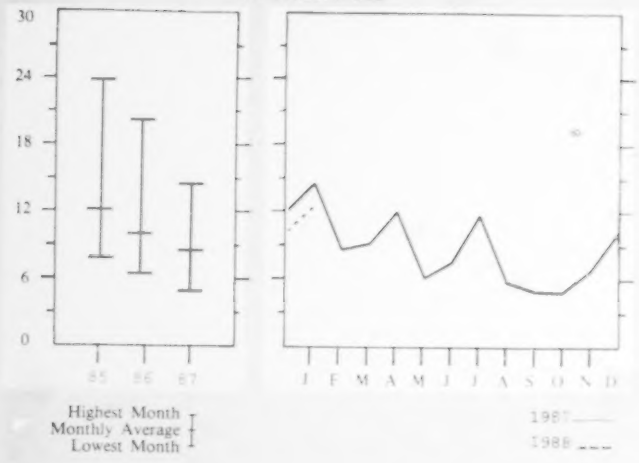

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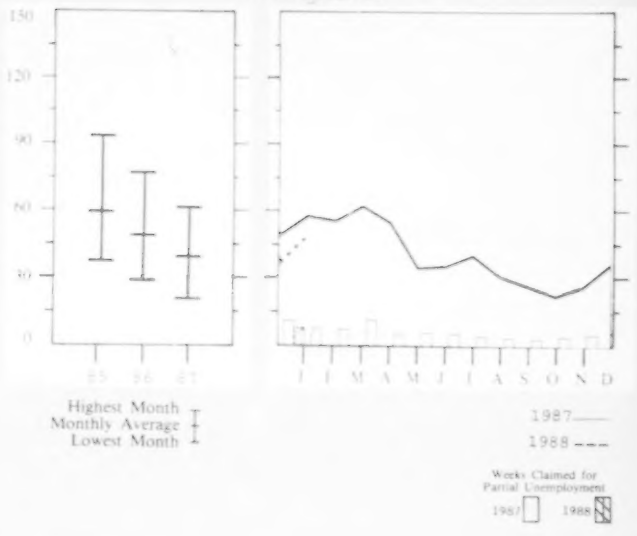


Labor Force Status of Persons 25 to 64 Years Old by Years of School Completed and Sex
United States, March 1977 and March 1987

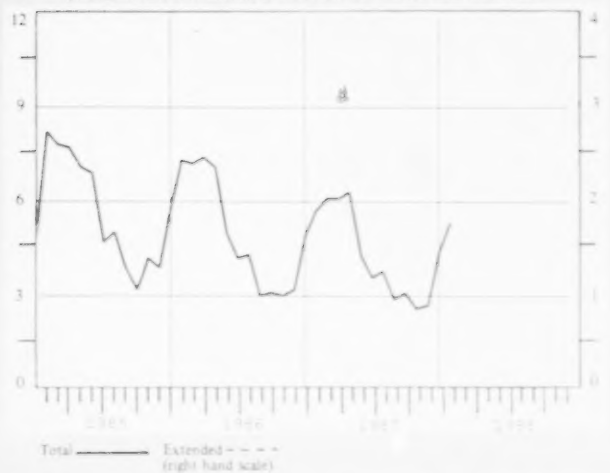
Labor force status and years of school completed	Total		Men		Women	
	1977	1987	1977	1987	1977	1987
Civilian labor force distribution	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Less than 4 years of high school	25.0	14.9	26.4	16.8	22.9	12.5
4 years of high school	39.3	40.2	35.4	37.1	45.3	44.0
1 to 3 years of college	15.6	19.7	16.0	18.9	15.1	20.7
4 years of college or more	20.1	25.3	22.2	27.2	16.8	22.8
Labor force participation rate	71.8	77.2	90.1	88.8	54.8	66.2
Less than 4 years of high school	61.7	60.9	81.8	77.2	43.2	44.9
4 years of high school	71.7	76.6	92.3	89.6	56.6	66.4
1 to 3 years of college	76.9	81.9	93.2	91.9	60.0	72.7
4 years of college or more	84.9	88.1	95.8	94.2	69.1	80.3
Unemployment rate	5.7	5.7	5.2	6.0	6.4	5.2
Less than 4 years of high school	8.9	11.1	8.4	11.2	9.6	10.9
4 years of high school	5.5	6.3	5.0	6.7	6.1	5.8
1 to 3 years of college	4.9	4.5	4.4	5.0	5.6	4.0
4 years of college or more	2.7	2.3	2.3	2.5	3.5	2.1

Selected Employment Security Activities

MAINE JOB SERVICE

UI Benefit Payments
in Millions

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



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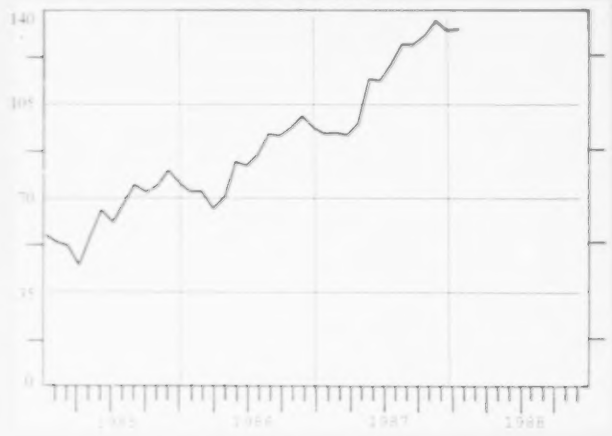
(End of Month)



Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work

in Thousands

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND MSA This Month	PORTLAND MSA Last Month	PORTLAND MSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 1/	502.6	517.9	474.1	123.1	128.0	117.0	39.7	40.0	38.1
Total Manufacturing	106.1	106.6	103.6	16.2	16.4	16.5	10.4	10.4	9.9
Durable Goods	49.8	50.1	46.8	7.9	7.9	8.1	2.8	2.8	2.8
Lumber and Wood Products 2/	13.6	14.1	14.1	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.3	0.3	0.3
Primary and Fabricated Metals	7.5	7.5	7.5	0.6	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8
Machinery, except Electrical	4.5	4.5	4.2	2.3	2.3	2.2	0.2	0.2	0.3
Electrical and Electronic Equipment	11.5	11.3	10.1	3.3	3.3	3.4	0.8	0.8	0.8
Transportation Equipment 3/	11.3	11.5	10.8	(d)	(d)	(d)	0.2	0.2	0.2
Other Durable Goods 4/	4.8	5.2	4.2	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.5	0.5	0.4
Nondurable Goods	56.3	56.5	57.0	8.3	8.5	8.4	7.6	7.6	7.1
Food and Kindred Products	7.3	7.2	7.9	2.0	2.0	1.9	0.9	0.9	0.8
Textile Mill Products	6.8	6.9	6.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.3	1.3	1.2
Apparel	3.1	3.2	4.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.1	0.1	0.1
Paper and Allied Products	16.9	17.0	17.1	(d)	(d)	(d)	0.5	0.6	0.5
Printing and Publishing	5.4	5.5	5.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.7	0.7	0.6
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	3.6	3.6	3.4	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.7	1.7	1.6
Leather and Leather Products	12.3	12.1	11.5	1.6	1.7	1.4	2.3	2.2	2.2
Footwear (except Rubber)	10.1	10.1	9.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.8	1.8	1.8
Other Leather Products	2.2	2.0	2.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.5	0.4	0.4
Other Nondurable Goods 5/	0.9	1.1	1.0	4.7	4.8	5.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Total Nonmanufacturing	397.5	411.3	370.5	106.9	111.6	100.5	29.3	29.6	28.2
Mining	0.2	0.1	0.1	*	*	*	*	*	*
Contract Construction	29.9	31.7	26.0	9.3	9.8	7.4	2.1	2.3	1.8
Transportation and Public Utilities	20.2	20.3	19.9	6.0	6.0	5.7	1.4	1.4	1.4
Wholesale Trade	24.4	24.6	22.6	9.7	9.7	9.2	2.0	2.0	1.9
Retail Trade	101.4	106.7	91.2	25.8	28.1	25.9	7.7	7.8	7.4
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	25.1	25.1	23.9	12.3	12.6	11.6	2.2	2.2	2.2
Services	108.2	109.3	100.7	29.1	29.1	26.5	10.0	10.0	9.7
Government	89.2	93.5	86.1	14.7	16.3	14.2	3.9	3.9	3.8
Federal	18.5	18.9	17.8	1.9	1.9	1.9	0.3	0.3	0.3
State and Local 6/	70.7	74.6	68.3	12.8	14.4	12.3	3.6	3.6	3.5
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	1.6	1.6	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/ Employment figures relate to full - and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/ Lumber and wood products and furniture and fixtures are combined in the Portland and Lewiston series. 3/ Transportation equipment and instruments are combined in the Lewiston series. 4/ Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 38, 39; Portland - 32, 38, 39; Lewiston - 32, 39. 5/ Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 28, 29; Portland - 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30; Lewiston - 23, 28, 29. 6/ Regular teachers are included in summer months, whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. *Less than 50. (d) Nondisclosure item.

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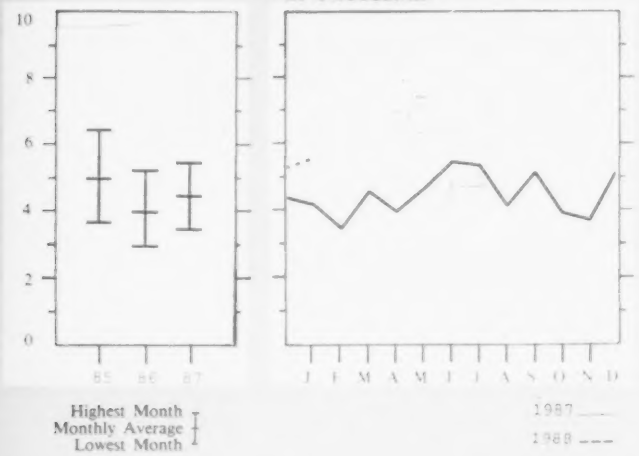
New Applications For Work

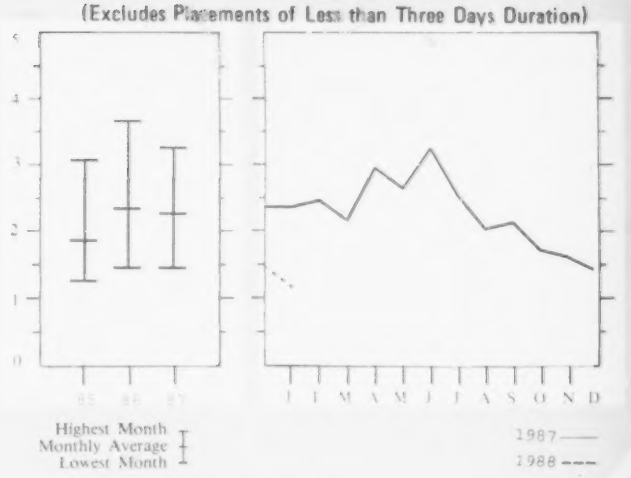
in Thousands



Nonfarm Placements

in Thousands

(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1987	1986	1985
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$363.67	$370.12	$359.10	41.0	41.4	40.9	$8.87	$8.94	$8.78	$8.77	$8.65	$8.40
Durable Goods	362.09	361.24	350.28	42.8	42.7	41.7	8.46	8.46	8.40	8.32	8.52	8.46
Lumber and Wood Products	335.96	338.09	318.24	39.9	40.5	40.8	8.42	8.37	7.80	7.82	7.74	8.06
Primary and Fabricated Metals	406.80	399.75	387.47	44.4	42.7	43.1	9.15	9.35	8.99	8.94	8.58	8.25
Machinery, except Electrical	452.48	477.74	405.06	50.5	53.2	43.0	8.96	8.98	9.42	9.20	9.62	9.11
Electrical and Electronic Equipment	340.47	321.88	316.72	42.4	40.9	39.3	8.03	7.87	8.11	8.03	7.94	7.57
Other Durable Goods	370.23	376.26	365.44	43.0	43.7	43.8	8.61	8.61	8.80	8.60	9.41	9.50
Nondurable Goods	364.31	378.82	366.27	39.3	40.4	40.2	9.27	9.40	9.11	9.18	8.76	8.31
Food and Kindred Products	252.45	276.02	254.89	34.3	37.0	35.5	7.36	7.46	7.18	7.16	7.00	6.63
Textile Mill Products	300.11	293.96	306.13	40.5	39.3	42.4	7.41	7.48	7.22	7.35	7.04	6.64
Apparel	211.90	220.54	211.39	35.2	35.4	36.7	6.02	6.23	5.76	5.92	5.73	5.83
Paper and Allied Products	585.61	604.00	596.27	43.8	44.8	44.9	13.37	13.50	13.28	13.43	12.70	12.25
Leather and Leather Products	242.35	250.80	228.64	37.4	38.0	36.7	6.48	6.60	6.23	6.34	6.05	5.93
Other Nondurable Goods	327.64	339.73	329.97	38.5	40.3	39.9	8.51	8.43	8.27	8.28	8.00	7.51
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing	378.42	389.62	364.02	42.0	43.1	39.1	9.01	9.04	9.31	9.13	9.17	8.90
LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA												
Manufacturing	311.89	315.47	287.89	40.4	41.4	39.6	7.72	7.62	7.27	7.40	7.19	6.78

Female Labor Force in Maine

in Thousands

ITEM	This Month 1/	Last Month 2/	Year Ago 2/
Labor Force	INA	262.5	243.4
Unemployed	INA	10.0	16.0
(Percent)	INA	3.8%	6.6%
Resident Employed	INA	252.5	227.4

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec
(1982=1984=100)	115.7	115.4	111.2	115.4

Percent Change for Past Month	+0.3%
Percent Change from Last December	+0.3%
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+4.0%

1/ Preliminary estimates 2/ Revised

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

in Thousands

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE-Statewide	592.5	589.5	549.8	560.0	567.9	515.6	32.5	21.6	34.2	5.5	3.7	6.2
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor MSA	41,000	43,500	40,700	39,100	42,200	38,100	1,900	1,300	2,600	4.6	3.0	6.4
Lewiston-Auburn MSA	42,600	41,700	40,200	40,000	39,800	37,300	2,600	1,900	2,900	6.1	4.6	7.2
Portland MSA	126,200	126,200	117,200	122,600	125,800	113,500	3,600	2,400	3,700	2.9	1.9	3.2
Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA 3/	n/a	131,700	122,800	n/a	129,500	119,000	n/a	2,200	3,800	n/a	1.7	3.1
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	34,000	33,420	31,040	32,340	32,260	29,320	1,660	1,160	1,720	4.9	3.5	5.5
Bath-Brunswick	28,580	27,790	26,670	27,380	27,070	25,710	1,200	720	960	4.2	2.6	3.6
Belfast	11,680	11,640	10,720	10,560	10,730	9,550	1,120	910	1,170	9.6	7.8	10.9
Biddeford	26,890	26,040	24,940	25,690	25,300	23,390	1,200	740	1,550	4.5	2.8	6.2
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	13,390	13,300	11,620	12,660	12,820	10,870	730	480	750	5.5	3.6	6.5
Calais-Eastport	14,460	14,000	12,690	12,610	12,960	11,140	1,850	1,040	1,550	12.8	7.4	12.2
Caribou-Presque Isle	21,650	21,430	20,430	19,620	19,710	18,230	2,030	1,720	2,200	9.4	8.0	10.8
Central Penobscot	2,790	2,690	2,620	2,560	2,570	2,390	230	120	240	8.2	4.5	9.2
Dover-Foxcroft	7,020	6,870	6,610	6,510	6,590	6,080	510	280	530	7.3	4.1	8.0
Ellsworth	21,910	21,550	19,470	19,690	20,400	17,490	2,220	1,150	1,980	10.1	5.3	10.2
Farmington	12,490	12,660	11,680	11,890	12,170	10,890	600	490	790	4.8	3.9	6.8
Fort Kent-Allagash	5,300	5,280	5,090	4,860	5,030	4,640	440	250	450	8.3	4.7	8.8
Greenville	1,590	1,440	1,300	1,440	1,340	1,230	150	100	70	9.4	6.9	5.4
Houlton	6,190	6,040	5,680	5,820	5,820	5,230	370	220	450	6.0	3.6	7.9
Kittery-York 3/	30,090	30,120	27,750	29,330	29,730	27,120	760	390	630	2.5	1.3	2.3
Lincoln-Howland	5,580	5,470	5,070	5,310	5,230	4,680	270	240	390	4.8	4.4	7.7
Livermore Falls	4,200	4,480	4,060	3,910	4,190	3,680	290	290	380	6.9	6.5	9.4
Madawaska-Van Buren	3,930	3,750	3,570	3,480	3,420	3,100	450	330	470	11.5	8.8	13.2
Millinocket-East Millinocket	4,180	4,190	4,100	3,800	3,880	3,760	380	310	340	9.1	7.4	8.3
Norway-Paris	12,680	12,130	10,960	11,920	11,720	10,180	760	410	780	6.0	3.4	7.1
Patten-Island Falls	2,350	2,320	2,140	2,170	2,160	1,970	180	160	170	7.7	6.9	7.9
Rockland	18,290	18,070	16,770	17,210	17,520	15,650	1,080	550	1,120	5.9	3.0	6.7
Rumford	8,820	8,480	8,280	8,140	8,110	7,610	680	370	670	7.7	4.4	8.1
Sanford	16,640	15,850	14,840	15,740	15,400	13,840	900	450	1,000	5.4	2.9	6.7
Sebago Lakes Region	10,900	10,820	10,350	10,490	10,550	9,860	410	270	490	3.8	2.5	4.7
Skowhegan	22,610	21,840	21,220	20,810	20,590	19,280	1,800	1,250	1,940	8.0	5.7	9.1
Southwest Penobscot	10,530	10,330	9,870	9,680	9,670	8,960	850	660	910	8.1	6.4	9.2
Waterville	23,950	24,120	22,150	22,630	23,250	20,790	1,320	870	1,360	5.5	3.6	6.1
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	n/a	1,774.3	1,733.8	n/a	1,718.7	1,665.1	n/a	55.6	68.7	n/a	3.2	4.0
Massachusetts	3,107.0	3,087.0	3,029.0	2,989.0	3,006.0	2,905.0	118.0	80.0	124.0	3.8	2.6	4.1
New Hampshire	n/a	593.1	556.4	n/a	580.0	539.4	n/a	13.1	16.5	n/a	2.2	3.0
Rhode Island	520.4	525.3	508.7	499.7	506.9	486.5	20.7	18.4	22.2	4.0	3.5	4.4
Vermont	n/a	302.8	293.5	n/a	292.2	278.5	n/a	10.7	15.0	n/a	3.5	5.1
NEW ENGLAND STATES	n/a	6,773.1	6,671.2	n/a	6,671.7	6,390.4	n/a	201.4	280.8	n/a	3.0	4.2
UNITED STATES 4/	119,742	120,206	117,703	112,139	113,679	109,084	7,603	6,526	8,620	6.3	5.4	7.3

MSA-Metropolitan Statistical Area

Note

n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.
Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding.

Footnotes

1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and reconciled from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data adjusted to place of residence basis. Excludes members of the Armed Forces.

2/ Current month - figures preliminary; last month and year ago figures revised.

3/ Kittery-York is the eight-town Maine portion of the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA which includes towns in both Maine and New Hampshire.

4/ National estimates based on a sample of household visits; state estimates based on enlargements of employment figures reported.

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Mid-Month Insured Unemployment (Less Partials)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued Week Claimants	10,039	6,205	11,971	1,009	588	1,154	662	380	991
Insured Unemployment Rate *	2.1	1.3	2.6	0.9	0.5	1.1	2.3	1.6	2.8

* Should not be confused with insured unemployment rates as defined in the Employment Security Law.

Selected Characteristics Of Unemployment Insurance Claimants

REGULAR PROGRAM

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY OCCUPATION

CATEGORY	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Professional, Technical, and Managerial	6.0	9.7	6.7
Clerical and Sales	13.0	14.9	11.3
Service	13.0	14.1	12.5
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, and Related	2.5	2.6	2.8
Processing	4.4	5.8	6.0
Machine Trades	8.5	10.2	11.3
Benchwork	6.5	8.1	10.9
Structural Work	26.3	19.0	20.1
Miscellaneous	17.1	14.8	16.4

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE

CATEGORY	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Total under 40	57.2	56.6	58.0
Under 22	4.5	5.6	4.0
22-24	9.2	8.5	9.8
25-34	31.3	29.9	31.9
35-39	12.2	12.6	12.3
Total 40 and Over	42.8	43.4	42.0
40-44	11.1	11.8	9.8
45-54	16.4	16.7	15.5
55-64	11.5	11.6	11.9
65 and Over	3.8	3.3	4.8

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Child care is *THE* issue now

Employers are beginning to face up to the child-care issue--at least one in 20 now offer either direct or indirect care. A special nationwide survey last summer by the Bureau of Labor Statistics found that about 2 percent of establishments with 10 or more employees sponsor day-care centers, and an additional 3 percent contribute to child-care expenses. Overall, one in ten establishments report some specific child-care benefits, including information and referrals to child care facilities, and counseling.

These shares are probably small relative to what we will see as employers confront a slow growth workforce in which women will play an ever larger role. Already, the industries that use large numbers of women workers--services and government--are taking the lead, as the table on page 2 indicates.

Right now employers' preferred response is to modify work practices to help parents. The BLS survey found that about three in five establishments make some concession to employees' family needs, with such policies as flextime, voluntary part-time, or flexible leave.

Employers are measuring their response according to their resources. Large firms tend to pay in money: over 30 percent of establishments with 250 or more employees provide direct child-care benefits, compared to less than 10 percent of those with fewer than 50 employees. Small establishments tend to pay in time: although roughly 60 percent of establishments of all sizes offer some flexibility in work scheduling for child care, flextime and voluntary part-time are more prevalent in small establishments.

As the table (on page 2) shows, government agencies are much more likely to provide direct child-care benefits--continuing their reliance on benefits rather than pay to attract and keep employees. Almost 10 percent of government offices in the survey sponsored day-care centers, compared to fewer than 2 percent of private establishments. Other child-care services, such as counseling or information and referral, are also more prevalent in government. However, private employers are as likely as public ones to help employees with child-care expenses.

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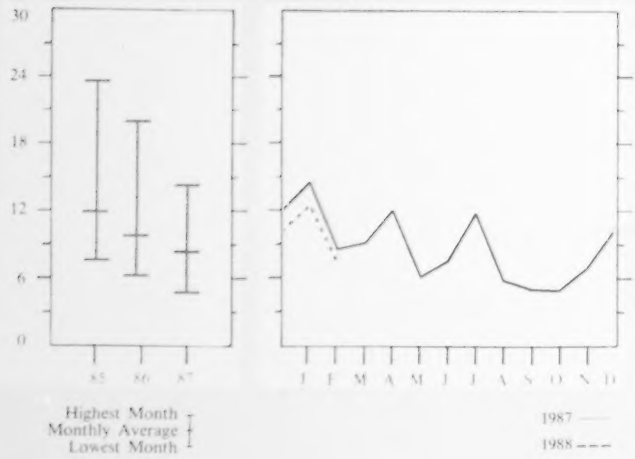
UI Initial Claims

in Thousands



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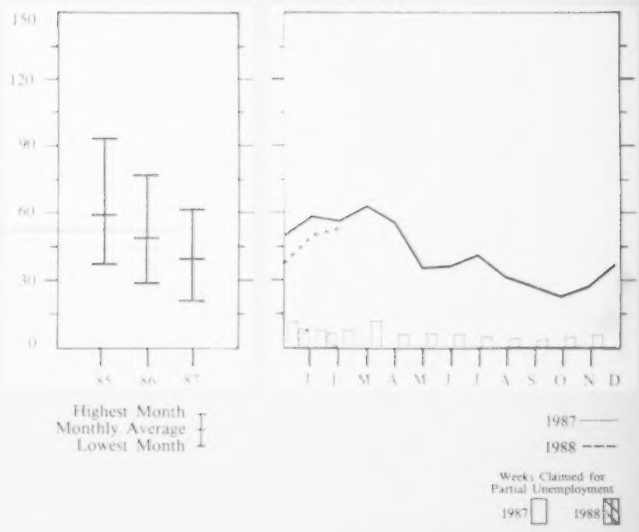
in Thousands



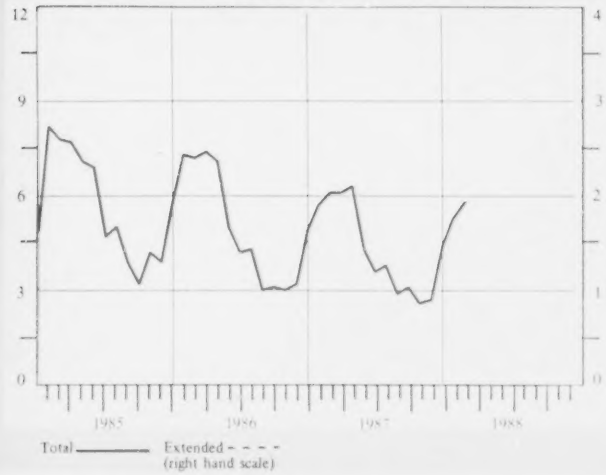
Child-Care Benefits and Work Schedule Policies

	Private sector			
	Total	*Goods-producing*	*Service-producing*	*Government*
Total Establishments (thousands)	1,128	272	856	74
Percent providing child-care benefits or services	10.1%	6.3%	11.3%	26.4%
Employer sponsored day care	1.6	.3	2.0	9.4
Assisted with child-care expenses	3.1	1.9	3.5	2.9
Child-care information and referral services	4.3	2.3	5.0	15.8
Counseling service	4.2	3.0	4.6	18.2
Other child-care benefits	.9	.6	1.0	2.3
Percent with work schedule policies aiding child-care	61.4	51.3	64.6	57.2
Flextime	43.6	31.3	47.5	37.5
Voluntary part-time	35.5	22.4	39.4	26.7
Job sharing	15.0	9.0	16.9	23.5
Work at home	8.5	8.2	8.6	4.0
Flexible leave	42.9	37.3	44.6	43.7
Other leave or work schedule policies	1.8	1.3	1.9	7.1
Percent with no child-care benefits or policies	36.6	46.4	33.5	39.6

Selected Employment Security Activities

UI Benefit Payments
in Millions

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



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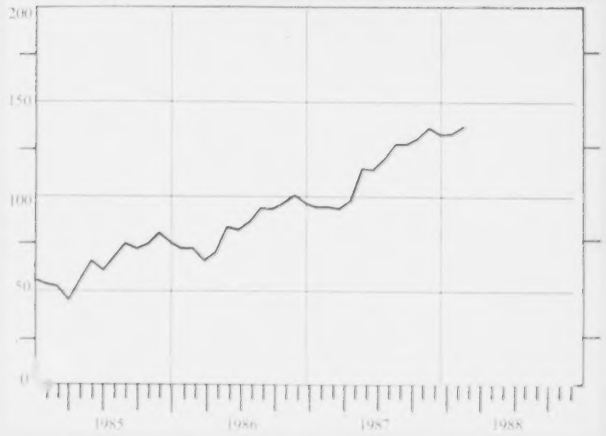
(End of Month)



Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work
in Thousands

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND MSA This Month	PORTLAND MSA Last Month	PORTLAND MSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 1/	507.1	503.6	476.4	122.8	122.5	116.6	39.8	39.7	38.2
Total Manufacturing	106.0	106.1	102.8	16.2	16.2	16.1	10.5	10.4	9.9
Durable Goods	49.7	49.9	46.7	7.9	7.9	7.8	2.8	2.8	2.8
Lumber and Wood Products	13.6	13.9	14.0	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.3	0.3	0.3
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.5	3.5	3.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.8
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	4.6	4.5	4.2	2.3	2.3	2.2	0.2	0.2	0.3
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	11.5	11.5	10.1	3.3	3.3	3.3	0.8	0.8	0.8
Transportation Equipment 2/	11.8	11.7	10.6	(d)	(d)	(d)	0.2	0.2	0.2
Other Durable Goods 3/	4.7	4.8	4.3	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.5	0.5	0.4
Nondurable Goods	56.3	56.2	56.1	8.3	8.3	8.3	7.7	7.6	7.1
Food and Kindred Products	7.3	7.3	7.6	2.0	2.0	1.9	0.9	0.9	0.8
Textile Mill Products	6.7	6.8	6.9	(d)	(d)	(d)	1.3	1.3	1.2
Apparel and Other Textile Products	3.1	3.1	3.5	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1
Paper and Allied Products	17.0	16.9	17.0	(d)	(d)	(d)	0.5	0.5	0.5
Printing and Publishing	5.4	5.4	5.1	1.5	1.6	1.5	0.7	0.7	0.6
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	3.8	3.6	3.4	0.2	0.2	0.2	1.8	1.7	1.6
Leather and Leather Products	12.0	12.2	11.6	1.6	1.6	1.3	2.3	2.3	2.2
Footwear (except Rubber)	10.0	10.2	9.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.8	1.8	1.7
Other Nondurable Goods 4/	1.0	0.9	1.0	2.8	2.7	3.2	0.1	0.1	0.1
Total Nonmanufacturing	401.1	397.5	373.6	106.6	106.3	100.5	29.3	29.3	28.3
Construction and Mining	28.5	29.0	25.3	8.8	8.7	7.2	2.0	2.1	1.8
Building Construction	11.0	11.4	10.0	2.6	2.6	2.5	0.4	0.5	0.4
Special Trades Contractor	13.3	13.2	11.8	5.0	4.8	3.8	1.5	1.5	1.3
Transportation and Public Utilities	20.2	20.2	19.7	6.0	6.0	5.8	1.4	1.4	1.4
Wholesale Trade	24.4	24.4	22.8	9.7	9.7	9.2	2.0	2.0	1.9
Retail Trade	101.0	101.4	90.1	25.3	25.8	25.2	7.6	7.7	7.4
Food Stores	19.9	19.5	17.2	4.2	4.3	4.0	1.4	1.4	1.4
Eating and Drinking Places	29.0	28.8	25.2	7.0	7.0	6.9	2.3	2.3	2.2
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	24.9	25.1	23.9	12.2	12.3	11.5	2.2	2.2	2.1
Banking	8.8	8.8	8.5	3.1	3.0	2.9	0.9	0.9	0.8
Insurance Carriers, Brokers and Agents	10.1	10.2	9.7	5.8	5.8	5.2	0.6	0.6	0.6
Services	109.0	108.2	101.8	28.9	29.1	26.2	10.1	10.0	9.8
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	6.1	5.9	5.6	2.3	2.2	1.3	0.3	0.3	0.2
Business Services	11.3	11.3	11.1	4.7	4.8	4.5	0.9	1.0	0.8
Health Services	42.3	42.1	39.7	10.1	10.1	9.6	4.1	4.1	4.1
Federal Government	18.5	18.5	17.8	1.9	1.9	1.9	0.3	0.3	0.3
State and Local Government 5/	74.6	70.7	72.2	13.8	12.8	13.5	3.7	3.6	3.6
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	1.6	1.6	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/ Employment figures relate to full- and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/ Transportation equipment and instruments are combined in the Lewiston series. 3/ Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 38, 39; Portland - 25, 32, 38, 39; Lewiston - 25, 32, 39. 4/ Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 28, 29; Portland - 22, 26, 28, 29; Lewiston - 28, 29. 5/ Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. *Less than 50. (d) Nondisclosure item.

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New Applications For Work

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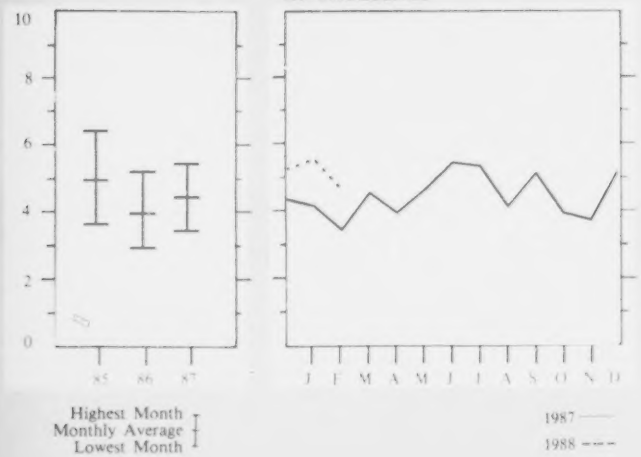
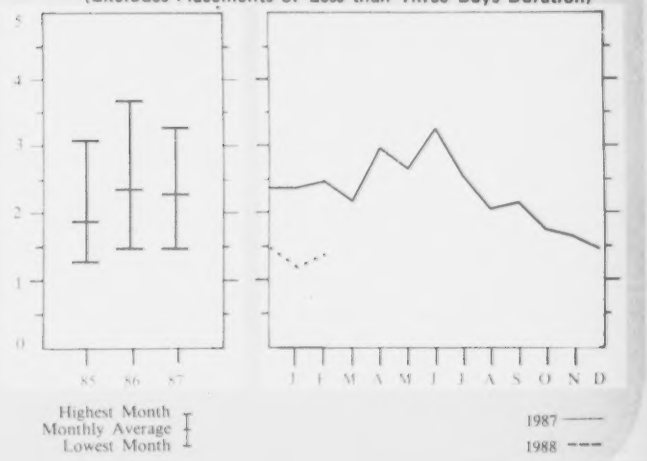


Nonfarm Placements

in Thousands

(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1987	1986	1985
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$356.00	$363.67	$359.26	40.0	41.0	41.2	$8.90	$8.87	$8.72	$8.77	$8.65	$8.40
Durable Goods	344.83	362.09	347.77	41.1	42.8	41.9	8.39	8.46	8.30	8.32	8.52	8.46
Lumber and Wood Products	346.04	335.96	315.43	41.0	39.9	40.7	8.44	8.42	7.75	7.82	7.74	8.06
Primary and Fabricated Metals	391.67	406.00	389.58	44.2	46.4	41.8	8.86	8.75	9.32	8.94	8.58	8.25
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	392.94	452.48	372.48	44.5	50.5	37.7	8.83	8.96	9.88	9.20	9.62	9.11
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	338.66	340.47	326.43	41.0	42.4	40.5	8.26	8.03	8.06	8.03	7.94	7.57
Other Durable Goods	374.32	370.23	380.84	39.6	43.0	45.5	8.19	8.62	8.37	8.60	9.41	9.50
Nondurable Goods	365.27	364.31	368.65	38.9	39.3	40.6	9.39	9.27	9.08	9.18	8.76	8.31
Food and Kindred Products	251.69	252.45	258.11	35.3	34.3	35.7	7.13	7.36	7.23	7.16	7.00	6.63
Textile Mill Products	283.50	300.11	309.44	37.8	40.5	43.4	7.50	7.41	7.13	7.35	7.04	6.64
Apparel and Other Textile Products	207.74	211.90	221.36	34.0	35.2	38.1	6.11	6.02	5.81	5.92	5.73	5.83
Paper and Allied Products	605.22	585.61	589.12	44.6	43.8	44.8	13.57	13.37	13.15	13.43	12.70	12.25
Leather and Leather Products	236.60	242.35	232.25	36.4	37.4	37.1	6.50	6.48	6.26	6.34	6.05	5.93
Other Nondurable Goods	315.00	327.64	341.65	37.5	38.5	40.1	8.40	8.51	8.52	8.28	8.00	7.51
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing	377.85	378.42	361.34	39.9	42.0	38.4	9.47	9.01	9.41	9.13	9.17	8.90
LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA												
Manufacturing	304.98	311.89	297.82	39.0	40.4	40.3	7.82	7.72	7.39	7.40	7.19	6.78

Female Labor Force in Maine

in Thousands

ITEM	This Month 1/	Last Month 2/	Year Ago
Labor Force	258.5	261.3	243.1
Unemployed	11.9	13.3	13.8
(Percent)	4.6%	5.1%	5.7%
Resident Employed	246.6	248.0	229.3

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD (1982 - 1984 = 100) All Items	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec
	116.0	115.7	111.6	115.4

Percent Change for Past Month	+0.3%
Percent Change from Last December	+0.5%
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+3.9%

1/ Preliminary estimates 2/ Revised

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

in Thousands

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE-Statewide	585.0	592.5	550.2	554.3	560.0	518.9	30.7	32.5	31.2	5.2	5.5	5.7
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor MSA	42,000	41,000	41,200	40,100	39,100	39,000	1,900	1,900	2,200	4.5	4.6	5.3
Lewiston-Auburn MSA	41,900	42,600	40,200	39,600	40,000	37,600	2,300	2,600	2,600	5.5	6.1	6.5
Portland MSA	124,300	126,200	116,600	120,900	122,600	113,200	3,400	3,600	3,400	2.7	2.9	2.9
Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA 3/	n/a	131,000	123,100	n/a	127,000	119,200	n/a	4,000	3,900	n/a	3.1	3.2
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	33,670	34,000	31,480	31,910	32,340	29,580	1,760	1,660	1,900	5.2	4.9	6.0
Bath-Brunswick	28,550	28,580	26,410	27,490	27,380	25,440	1,060	1,200	970	3.7	4.2	3.7
Belfast	11,470	11,680	10,680	10,280	10,560	9,620	1,190	1,120	1,060	10.4	9.6	9.9
Biddeford	26,310	26,890	25,010	25,230	25,690	23,490	1,080	1,200	1,520	4.1	4.5	6.1
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	13,110	13,390	11,620	12,520	12,660	11,000	590	730	620	4.5	5.5	5.3
Calais-Eastport	14,170	14,460	12,860	12,620	12,610	11,400	1,550	1,850	1,460	10.9	12.8	11.4
Caribou-Presque Isle	21,480	21,650	20,740	19,580	19,620	18,550	1,900	2,030	2,190	8.8	9.4	10.6
Central Penobscot	2,780	2,790	2,640	2,590	2,560	2,440	190	230	200	6.8	8.2	7.6
Dover-Foxcroft	6,970	7,020	6,550	6,450	6,510	6,160	520	510	390	7.5	7.3	6.0
Ellsworth	21,020	21,910	19,390	19,140	19,690	17,540	1,880	2,220	1,850	8.9	10.1	9.5
Farmington	12,770	12,490	12,070	12,100	11,890	11,350	670	600	720	5.2	4.8	6.0
Fort Kent-Allagash	5,380	5,300	5,180	4,980	4,860	4,750	400	440	430	7.4	8.3	8.3
Greenville	1,490	1,590	1,330	1,420	1,440	1,260	70	150	70	4.7	9.4	5.3
Houlton	6,010	6,190	5,600	5,690	5,820	5,250	320	370	350	5.3	6.0	6.3
Kittery-York 3/	29,610	30,090	27,720	28,870	29,330	27,100	740	760	620	2.5	2.5	2.2
Lincoln-Howland	5,610	5,580	5,060	5,300	5,310	4,770	310	270	290	5.5	4.8	5.7
Livermore Falls	4,030	4,200	4,010	3,680	3,910	3,630	350	290	380	8.7	6.9	9.5
Madawaska-Van Buren	3,940	3,930	3,520	3,490	3,480	3,140	450	450	380	11.4	11.5	10.8
Millinocket-East Millinocket	3,990	4,180	3,970	3,730	3,800	3,750	260	380	220	6.5	9.1	5.5
Norway-Paris	12,270	12,680	11,000	11,590	11,920	10,390	680	760	610	5.5	6.0	5.5
Patten-Island Falls	2,330	2,350	2,190	2,160	2,170	2,030	170	180	160	7.3	7.7	7.3
Rockland	18,020	18,290	16,650	16,900	17,210	15,700	1,120	1,080	950	6.2	5.9	5.7
Rumford	8,640	8820	8,130	7,950	8,140	7,580	690	680	550	8.0	7.7	6.8
Sanford	16,280	16,640	14,850	15,480	15,740	14,030	800	900	820	4.9	5.4	5.5
Sebago Lakes Region	10,710	10,900	10,330	10,290	10,490	9,900	420	410	430	3.9	3.8	4.2
Skowhegan	22,140	22,610	21,160	20,370	20,810	19,350	1,770	1,800	1,810	8.0	8.0	8.6
Southwest Penobscot	10,440	10,530	9,850	9,520	9,680	8,960	920	850	890	8.8	8.1	9.0
Waterville	23,640	23,950	22,190	22,340	22,630	20,950	1,300	1,320	1,240	5.5	5.5	5.6
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	n/a	1,722.0	1,721.8	n/a	1,658.2	1,653.3	n/a	63.8	68.5	n/a	3.7	4.0
Massachusetts	3,101.0	3,107.0	3,011.0	2,985.0	2,989.0	2,893.0	116.0	118.0	118.0	3.7	3.8	3.9
New Hampshire	n/a	596.0	558.3	n/a	575.5	541.7	n/a	19.5	16.6	n/a	3.3	3.0
Rhode Island	518.5	520.4	506.2	496.0	499.7	484.0	22.5	20.7	22.2	4.3	4.0	4.4
Vermont	n/a	302.1	286.4	n/a	289.7	272.3	n/a	12.4	14.1	n/a	4.1	4.9
NEW ENGLAND STATES	n/a	6,839.0	6,633.8	n/a	6,572.1	6,363.2	n/a	266.9	270.6	n/a	3.9	4.1
UNITED STATES 4/	119,942	119,742	117,967	112,460	112,139	109,464	7,482	7,603	8,503	6.2	6.3	7.2

MSA-Metropolitan Statistical Area

Note
n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.
Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding.

Footnotes

1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data adjusted to place of residence basis. Excludes members of the Armed Forces.

2/ Current and last month figures preliminary, year ago figures revised.

3/ Kittery-York is the eight-town Maine portion of the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA which includes towns in both Maine and New Hampshire.

4/ National estimates based on a sample of household visits; state estimates based on enlargements of employment figures reported.

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Mid-Month Insured Unemployment (Less Partials)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued Week Claimants	10,549	10,039	12,759	1,059	1,009	1,332	823	862	1,069
Insured Unemployment Rate *	2.2	2.1	2.8	1.0	0.9	1.3	2.2	2.3	3.0

* Should not be confused with insured unemployment rates as defined in the Employment Security Law.

Selected Characteristics Of Unemployment Insurance Claimants

REGULAR PROGRAM

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY OCCUPATION

CATEGORY	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Professional, Technical, and Managerial	7.7	8.0	6.5
Clerical and Sales	12.6	13.0	14.4
Service	12.5	13.0	11.6
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, and Related	3.5	3.2	3.3
Processing	4.7	4.4	5.6
Machine Trades	7.6	8.5	10.1
Benchwork	5.9	6.5	10.3
Structural Work	27.3	26.2	21.4
Miscellaneous	17.4	17.1	16.8

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE

CATEGORY	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Total under 40	60.1	57.2	59.8
Under 22	4.8	4.6	5.1
22-24	9.9	9.2	9.8
25-34	33.1	31.3	32.6
35-39	12.3	12.2	12.3
Total 40 and Over	39.9	42.8	40.2
40-44	10.2	11.1	9.4
45-54	15.6	16.4	14.7
55-64	10.7	11.5	11.7
65 and Over	3.4	3.8	4.4

A report entitled *Year-End Economic Review, 1987 and New Initiatives in Economic Development* was recently presented at the Fifteenth Annual Governor's Economic Development Conference. This report, jointly prepared by the Maine Department of Labor, Maine State Planning Office, and Maine Department of Economic and Community Development, reviews the Maine economy in 1987 and outlines what initiatives the State has taken and will take to address the needs for economic growth.

For a complimentary copy of this report, please contact the Maine Department of Labor, Bureau of Employment Security, Division of Economic Analysis and Research, 20 Union Street, Augusta, Maine 04330-0390, telephone (207) 289-2271.

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Maine Ranks #1 in Per Capita Personal Income Growth

Per capita personal income in Maine increased by 7.3 percent in 1987, first among the fifty states and well above the increase of 4.8 percent recorded by the nation. Three New England states; Maine, followed by Massachusetts (7.2 percent) and Connecticut (6.9 percent), recorded the largest percent changes in income.

Among the fifty states, Maine's ranking in per capita income rose steadily from 44th in 1979 to 36th in 1986. As a result of continued strong economic performance, Maine moved up another three notches to 33rd in 1987.

Maine's 1987 per capita personal income increase of 7.3 percent was the result of a gain of 1.2 percent in total population and 8.6 percent in total personal income. The gain of 8.6 percent in total personal income was substantially above the nationwide increase of 5.8 percent and also first among the fifty states.

The fastest growing component of personal income in Maine has been earnings of residents. Between the fourth quarter of 1986 and the fourth quarter of 1987, earnings increased by 10.4 percent. The most substantial earnings growth was found in those industries which have exhibited strong employment growth. The highest rates of earning growth were recorded in construction; retail trade; services; finance, insurance, and real estate; and government.

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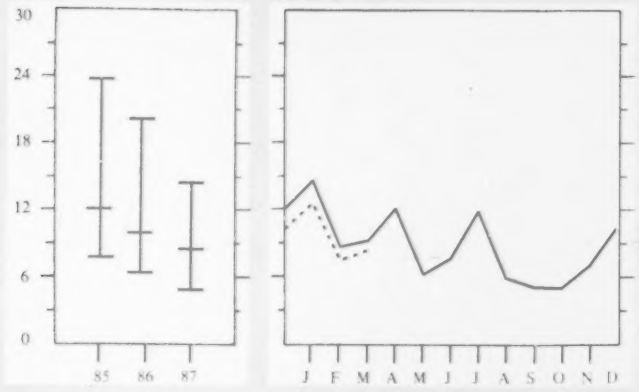

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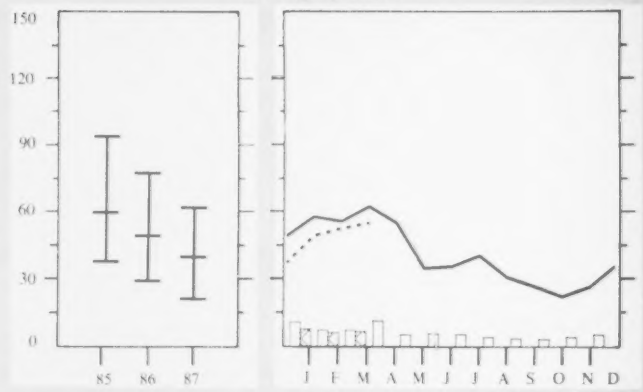


PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME, U.S. AND NEW ENGLAND STATES, 1984-1987

	DOLLARS				PERCENT CHANGE		
	1984	1985	1986	1987	1984-85	1985-86	1986-87
United States	13,114	13,908	14,636	15,340	6.1%	5.2%	4.8%
New England							
Connecticut	17,073	18,264	19,625	20,980	7.0	7.5	6.9
Maine	11,160	11,834	12,786	13,720	6.0	8.0	7.3
Massachusetts	15,230	16,324	17,657	18,926	7.2	8.2	7.2
New Hampshire	14,060	15,349	16,321	17,133	9.2	6.3	5.0
Rhode Island	13,025	13,721	14,564	15,355	5.3	6.1	5.4
Vermont	11,551	12,398	13,342	14,061	7.3	7.6	5.4

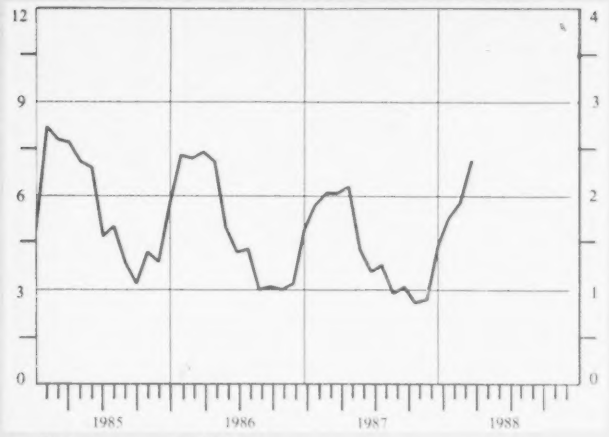
TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME, U.S. AND NEW ENGLAND STATES, 1984-1987

	MILLIONS OF DOLLARS				PERCENT CHANGE		PERCENT OF U.S.
	1984	1985	1986	1987	1985-86	1986-87	IN 1987
United States	3,101,163	3,320,346	3,528,589	3,733,719	6.3%	5.8%	100.0%
New England							
Connecticut	53,893	57,994	62,666	67,371	8.1	7.5	1.8
Maine	12,915	13,785	14,986	16,280	8.7	8.6	.4
Massachusetts	88,260	95,053	103,013	110,821	8.4	7.6	3.0
New Hampshire	13,752	15,326	16,768	18,110	9.4	8.0	.5
Rhode Island	12,505	13,265	14,195	15,140	7.0	6.7	.4
Vermont	6,122	6,633	7,219	7,708	8.8	6.8	.2

Source: An April 20, 1988 News Release entitled *State Per Capita Personal Income: The Rate of Growth Slowed in 1987*, published by the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis.

Selected Employment Security Activities

UI Benefit Payments
in Millions
(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



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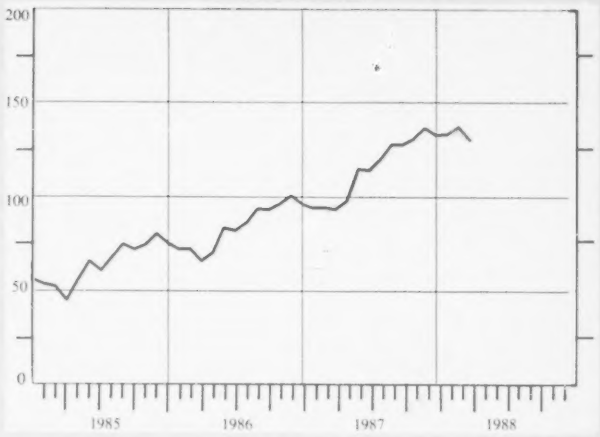

Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work
in Thousands

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND MSA This Month	PORTLAND MSA Last Month	PORTLAND MSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 1/	507.0	507.1	479.7	123.0	122.8	117.0	39.9	39.8	38.5
Total Manufacturing	105.8	106.0	102.6	16.5	16.2	16.0	10.5	10.5	10.0
Durable Goods	49.5	49.7	46.6	8.2	7.9	7.6	2.8	2.8	2.8
Lumber and Wood Products	12.9	13.6	13.6	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.3	0.3	0.3
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.5	3.5	3.5	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.8	0.8	0.8
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	4.7	4.6	4.3	2.3	2.3	2.1	0.2	0.2	0.3
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	11.6	11.5	10.1	3.3	3.3	3.2	0.8	0.8	0.8
Transportation Equipment 2/	12.0	11.8	10.8	(d)	(d)	(d)	0.2	0.2	0.2
Other Durable Goods 3/	4.8	4.7	4.3	1.2	0.9	0.9	0.5	0.5	0.4
Nondurable Goods	56.3	56.3	56.0	8.3	8.3	8.4	7.7	7.7	7.2
Food and Kindred Products	7.2	7.3	7.6	2.0	2.0	1.9	0.9	0.9	0.8
Textile Mill Products	6.7	6.7	6.9	(d)	(d)	0.2	1.2	1.3	1.2
Apparel and Other Textile Products	3.1	3.1	3.2	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1
Paper and Allied Products	17.0	17.0	17.0	(d)	(d)	(d)	0.5	0.5	0.6
Printing and Publishing	5.5	5.4	5.2	1.6	1.5	1.6	0.7	0.7	0.6
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	3.8	3.8	3.4	0.2	0.2	0.2	1.9	1.8	1.6
Leather and Leather Products	11.9	12.0	11.7	1.6	1.6	1.4	2.3	2.3	2.2
Footwear (except Rubber)	9.9	10.0	9.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.8	1.8	1.7
Other Nondurable Goods 4/	1.1	1.0	1.0	2.7	2.8	2.7	0.1	0.1	0.1
Total Nonmanufacturing	401.2	401.1	377.1	106.5	106.6	101.0	29.4	29.3	28.5
Construction and Mining	28.5	28.5	26.4	8.5	8.8	7.4	2.1	2.0	1.9
Building Construction	10.8	11.0	10.5	2.5	2.6	2.4	0.5	0.4	0.4
Special Trades Contractor	13.5	13.3	12.1	4.7	5.0	3.9	1.5	1.5	1.4
Transportation and Public Utilities	20.3	20.2	19.9	5.9	6.0	5.8	1.4	1.4	1.4
Wholesale Trade	24.5	24.4	22.9	9.8	9.7	9.3	1.9	2.0	1.9
Retail Trade	100.8	101.0	91.3	25.2	25.3	25.1	7.6	7.6	7.4
Food Stores	19.4	19.9	17.2	4.2	4.2	4.1	1.4	1.4	1.4
Eating and Drinking Places	29.7	29.0	26.3	7.1	7.0	7.1	2.4	2.3	2.2
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	24.9	24.9	24.1	12.3	12.2	11.6	2.3	2.2	2.1
Banking	8.8	8.8	8.5	3.0	3.1	2.9	0.9	0.9	0.8
Insurance Carriers, Brokers and Agents	10.0	10.1	9.8	5.8	5.8	5.3	0.7	0.6	0.6
Services	109.4	109.0	102.2	29.1	28.9	26.2	10.2	10.1	9.9
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	6.2	6.1	5.7	2.3	2.3	1.3	0.3	0.3	0.2
Business Services	11.3	11.3	11.1	4.8	4.7	4.5	0.9	0.9	0.9
Health Services	42.6	42.3	39.9	10.2	10.1	9.7	4.1	4.1	4.1
Federal Government	18.4	18.5	17.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	0.3	0.3	0.3
State and Local Government 5/	74.4	74.6	72.4	13.8	13.8	13.7	3.6	3.7	3.6
volved in Labor-Management Disputes	1.6	1.6	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/ Employment figures relate to full- and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/ Transportation equipment and instruments are combined in the Lewiston series. 3/ Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 38, 39; Portland - 25, 32, 37, 38, 39; Lewiston - 25, 32, 39. 4/ Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 28, 29; Portland - 22, 26, 28, 29; Lewiston - 28, 29. 5/ Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. *Less than 50. (d) Nondisclosure item.

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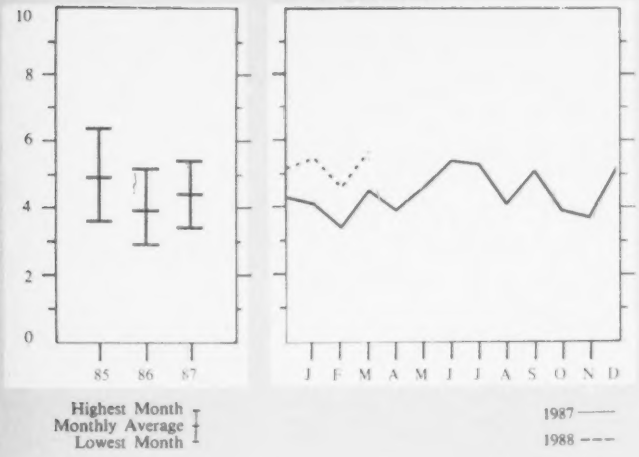
New Applications For Work

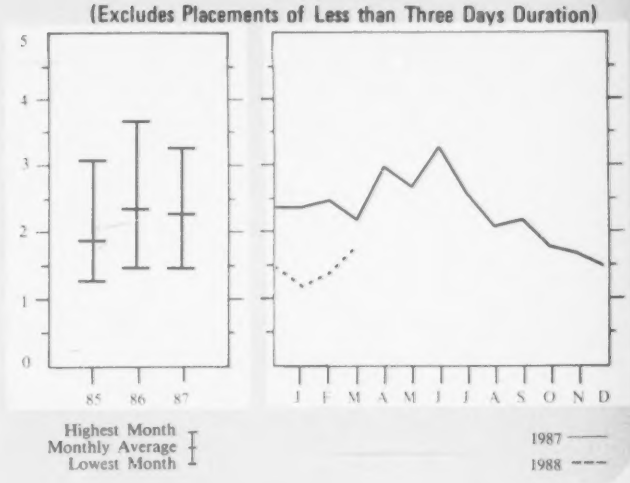
in Thousands



Nonfarm Placements

in Thousands

(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1987	1986	1985
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$361.21	$356.00	$363.21	41.0	40.0	41.7	$8.81	$8.90	$8.71	$8.77	$8.65	$8.40
Durable Goods	348.10	344.83	357.26	42.4	41.1	43.2	8.21	8.39	8.27	8.32	8,52	8.46
Lumber and Wood Products	331.71	346.04	320.26	40.7	41.0	41.7	8.15	8.44	7.58	7.82	7.74	8.06
Primary and Fabricated Metals	412.67	391.61	369.98	49.6	44.2	41.9	8.32	8.86	8.83	8.94	8.58	8.25
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	433.29	392.94	401.02	50.5	44.5	43.4	8.58	8.83	9.24	9.20	9.62	9.11
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	342.34	338.66	330.79	41.8	41.0	41.4	8.19	8.26	7.99	8.03	7.94	7.57
Other Durable Goods	329.27	324.32	398.64	40.6	39.6	46.3	8.11	8.19	8.61	8.60	9.41	9.50
Nondurable Goods	373.72	365.27	368.04	39.8	38.9	40.4	9.39	9.39	9.11	9.18	8.76	8.31
Food and Kindred Products	262.08	251.69	254.83	36.0	35.3	35.1	7.28	7.13	7.26	7.16	7.00	6.63
Textile Mill Products	305.63	283.50	310.03	39.9	37.8	43.0	7.66	7.50	7.21	7.35	7.04	6.64
Apparel and Other Textile Products	225.89	207.74	212.86	36.2	34.0	36.2	6.24	6.11	5.88	5.92	5.73	5.83
Paper and Allied Products	605.24	605.22	593.13	44.7	44.6	44.9	13.54	13.57	13.21	13.43	12.70	12.25
Leather and Leather Products	237.97	236.60	239.27	37.3	36.4	37.8	6.38	6.50	6.33	6.34	6.05	5.93
Other Nondurable Goods	327.25	315.00	328.28	38.5	37.5	39.6	8.50	8.40	8.29	8.28	8.00	7.51
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing	399.93	377.85	366.68	42.5	39.9	39.9	9.41	9.47	9.19	9.13	9.17	8.90
LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA												
Manufacturing	320.85	304.98	291.53	41.4	39.0	40.1	7.75	7.82	7.27	7.40	7.19	6.78

Female Labor Force in Maine

in Thousands

ITEM	This Month 1/	Last Month 1/	Year Ago 2/
Labor Force	257.9	258.5	246.8
Unemployed	11.8	11.9	13.4
(Percent)	4.6%	4.6%	5.4%
Resident Employed	246.1	246.6	233.4

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec
(1982-1984 = 100) All Items (CPI-U)	116.5	116.0	112.1	115.4

Percent Change for Past Month	+0.4%
Percent Change from Last December	+1.0%
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+3.9%

1/ Preliminary estimates 2/ Revised

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

in Thousands

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE-Statewide	583.0	585.0	560.2	552.5	554.3	529.4	30.5	30.7	30.8	5.2	5.2	5.5
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor MSA	41,500	42,000	41,300	39,800	40,100	39,100	1,700	1,900	2,200	4.1	4.5	5.3
Lewiston-Auburn MSA	41,700	42,000	40,800	39,400	39,700	38,300	2,300	2,300	2,500	5.5	5.5	6.1
Portland MSA	123,600	124,400	118,100	120,300	121,000	114,700	3,300	3,400	3,400	2.7	2.7	2.9
Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA 3/	n/a	n/a	124,700	n/a	n/a	121,100	n/a	n/a	3,600	n/a	n/a	2.9
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	33,520	33,690	32,310	31,800	31,930	30,380	1,720	1,760	1,930	5.1	5.2	6.0
Bath-Brunswick	28,480	28,580	27,320	27,360	27,520	26,220	1,120	1,060	1,100	3.9	3.7	4.0
Belfast	11,870	11,480	11,100	10,400	10,290	10,010	1,470	1,190	1,090	12.4	10.4	9.8
Biddeford	26,480	26,330	25,190	25,300	25,250	23,990	1,180	1,080	1,200	4.5	4.1	4.8
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	13,510	13,120	12,460	12,790	12,530	11,890	720	590	570	5.3	4.5	4.6
Calais-Eastport	14,190	14,180	13,040	12,590	12,630	11,570	1,600	1,550	1,470	11.3	10.9	11.3
Caribou-Presque Isle	21,630	21,500	21,090	19,730	19,600	18,910	1,900	1,900	2,180	8.8	8.8	10.3
Central Penobscot	2,670	2,790	2,640	2,500	2,600	2,440	170	190	200	6.4	6.8	7.6
Dover-Foxcroft	6,800	6,970	6,680	6,420	6,450	6,250	380	520	430	5.6	7.5	6.4
Ellsworth	21,210	21,030	20,120	19,330	19,150	18,260	1,880	1,880	1,860	8.9	8.9	9.2
Farmington	12,690	12,780	12,290	12,010	12,110	11,550	680	670	740	5.4	5.2	6.0
Fort Kent-Allagash	4,930	5,390	5,090	4,490	4,990	4,550	440	400	540	8.9	7.4	10.6
Greenville	1,310	1,490	1,300	1,240	1,420	1,230	70	70	70	5.3	4.7	5.4
Houlton	6,030	6,020	5,800	5,670	5,700	5,430	360	320	370	6.0	5.3	6.4
Kittery-York 3/	29,130	29,170	27,790	28,510	28,420	27,260	620	750	530	2.1	2.6	1.9
Lincoln-Howland	5,440	5,610	5,210	5,160	5,300	4,880	280	310	330	5.1	5.5	6.3
Livermore Falls	3,980	4,030	4,110	3,680	3,680	3,800	300	350	310	7.5	8.7	7.5
Madawaska-Van Buren	3,900	3,930	3,600	3,450	3,490	3,160	450	440	440	11.5	11.2	12.2
Millinocket-East Millinocket	3,920	3,990	4,030	3,690	3,730	3,790	230	260	240	5.9	6.5	6.0
Norway-Paris	12,280	12,280	11,300	11,670	11,600	10,610	610	680	690	5.0	5.5	6.1
Patten-Island Falls	2,340	2,330	2,250	2,160	2,160	2,080	180	170	170	7.7	7.3	7.6
Rockland	18,090	18,030	16,980	17,010	16,910	16,090	1,080	1,120	890	6.0	6.2	5.2
Rumford	8,560	8,650	8,350	7,920	7,960	7,740	640	690	610	7.5	8.0	7.3
Sanford	16,370	16,290	15,260	15,490	15,490	14,370	880	800	890	5.4	4.9	5.8
Sebago Lakes Region	10,740	10,720	10,700	10,280	10,300	10,300	460	420	400	4.3	3.9	3.7
Skowhegan	22,090	22,160	21,520	20,420	20,390	19,990	1,670	1,770	1,530	7.6	8.0	7.1
Southwest Penobscot	10,480	10,440	10,080	9,570	9,520	9,270	910	920	810	8.7	8.8	8.0
Waterville	23,600	23,660	22,420	22,380	22,360	21,290	1,220	1,300	1,130	5.2	5.5	5.0
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	n/a	1,689.2	1,736.2	n/a	1,628.3	1,670.9	n/a	60.9	65.2	n/a	3.6	3.8
Massachusetts	3,169.0	3,101.0	3,057.9	3,055.0	2,985.0	2,921.4	114.0	116.0	136.5	3.6	3.7	4.5
New Hampshire	n/a	585.7	567.2	n/a	567.3	550.6	n/a	18.4	16.6	n/a	3.1	2.9
Rhode Island	520.5	518.5	511.5	499.3	496.0	487.5	21.2	22.5	24.0	4.1	4.3	4.7
Vermont	298.2	300.9	289.2	287.2	288.7	275.6	11.0	12.2	13.6	3.7	4.0	4.7
NEW ENGLAND STATES	n/a	6,780.3	6,722.1	n/a	6,519.6	6,435.4	n/a	260.7	286.7	n/a	3.8	4.3
UNITED STATES 4/	119,957	119,942	118,353	112,867	112,460	110,229	7,090	7,482	8,124	5.9	6.2	6.9

MSA-Metropolitan Statistical Area

Note

n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing. Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding.

Footnotes

1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data adjusted to place of residence basis. Excludes members of the Armed Forces.

2/ Current and last month figures preliminary; year ago figures revised.

3/ Kittery-York is the eight-town Maine portion of the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA which includes towns in both Maine and New Hampshire.

4/ National estimates based on a sample of household visits; state estimates based on enlargements of employment figures reported.

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Mid-Month Insured Unemployment (Less Partials)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued-Week Claimants	10,552	10,549	11,427	1,064	1,059	1,248	801	823	943
Insured Unemployment Rate *	2.2	2.2	2.5	1.0	1.0	1.2	2.2	2.2	2.6

* Should not be confused with insured unemployment rates as defined in the Employment Security Law.

Plan to attend the... **$15.00 registration fee includes lunch**

INTERNATIONAL TRADE CONFERENCE

June 9, 1988 at the Sheraton Tara Hotel, South Portland

Agenda

9:00	Registration	
9:30	Welcoming Remarks and Introductions	**Mary Lou Dyer,** *Executive Director* Bureau of Employment Security Maine Department of Labor
9:40	The U.S. Bureau of the Census and the Census Data Center Program	**Arthur Dukakis,** *Regional Director* U.S. Bureau of the Census, Boston
9:50	Improved Decision-Making Statistics on Foreign Trade	**Don Adams,** *Chief* Foreign Trade Division U.S. Bureau of the Census, Wash. D.C.
10:45	The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics: Federal-State Programs	**Anthony Ferrara,** *Regional Commissioner* U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Boston
10:55	Tracking Prices in the Import and Export Markets	**William Alterman,** *Chief* International Price Indexes Division U.S.Bureau of Labor Statistics, Wash. D.C.
12:00	Break	
12:30	Lunch *An International Trade Banker's View*	**Kenneth Nadler,** *Vice President* International Corporate Banking Department State Street Bank and Trust Company, Boston
1:45	Panel Discussion with Audience Participation	Moderator: **Stephen Nyulaszi,** *Director* U.S. International Trade Administration, Augusta Panelists: **Jan Cysarz,** *General Manager* Laurel Industrial Textiles, Skowhegan **Patrick Murphy,** *President* Pan Atlantic Consultants, Portland **Bob Ziegelaar,** *President* Airmark, Bangor and *Vice Chairman* Maine World Trade Association
3:00	Closing Remarks and Adjournment	**Raynold Fongemie,** *Division Director* Economic Analysis and Research Bureau of Employment Security

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Above-average growth rate for Lewiston-Auburn, Bangor, too

Portland Metropolitan Area #1 in Rate of Income Growth

From 1984 through 1986 the Portland metropolitan area recorded the highest rate of per capita personal income growth among 317 metropolitan areas according to the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) of the U.S. Department of Commerce. BEA defines the Portland metropolitan area as a New England County Metropolitan Area which is equivalent to Cumberland County. From 1984 through 1986 per capita income rose 18.6 percent in the Portland area, from $13,281 to $15,752. National per capita income rose 11.6 percent during the same period, from $13,116 to $14,639.

Portland was Maine's only metropolitan area with a per capita income higher than the nation's in 1986, and Portland's ranking among the 317 metropolitan areas rose from 85th in 1984 to 56th in 1986. The other two metropolitan areas in Maine also had greater percentage increases in per capita income than did the U.S.; Bangor (Penobscot County) increased 11.9 percent, from $10,673 to $11,943; and Lewiston-Auburn (Androscoggin County) rose 12.7 percent, from $11,000 to $12,395.

During 1986 income in the Portland metropolitan area was derived from earnings (mainly wage and salary and proprietor's income), 68.3 percent; dividends, interest, and rent, 17.3 percent; and government transfer payments such as social security and welfare, 14.4 percent. This distribution was similar to the national breakdown, which was 68.4 percent earnings; 16.9 percent dividends, interest, and rent; and 14.7 percent transfer payments. The comparable distribution for Bangor was 68.7 percent earnings; 12.9 percent dividends, interest, and rent; and 18.4 percent transfer payments. For Lewiston-Auburn the distribution of sources of income was 67.8 percent earnings; 13.7 percent dividends, interest, and rent; and 18.5 percent transfer payments.

For more information, please contact the Maine Department of Labor, Bureau of Employment Security, Division of Economic Analysis and Research, 20 Union Street, Augusta, Maine 04330, telephone (207) 289-2271.

See related chart on page 2

UI Initial Claims

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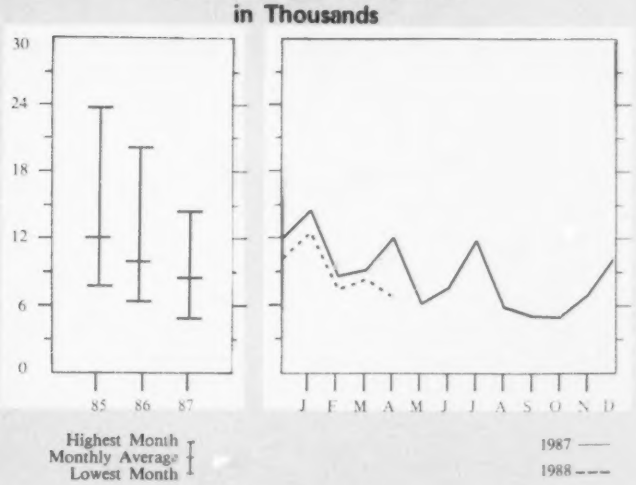

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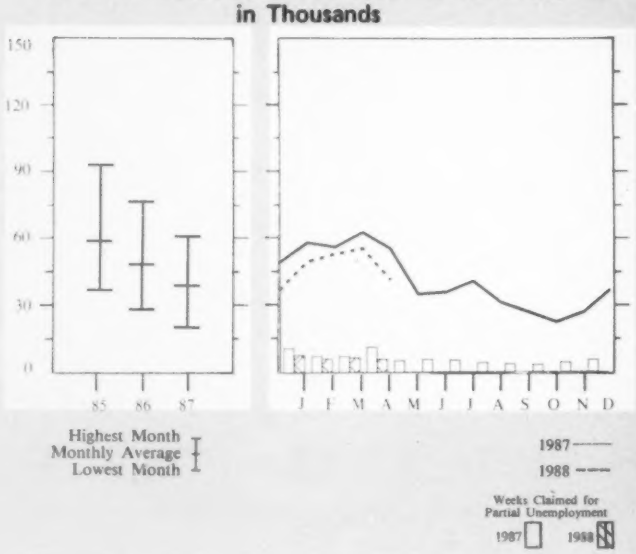

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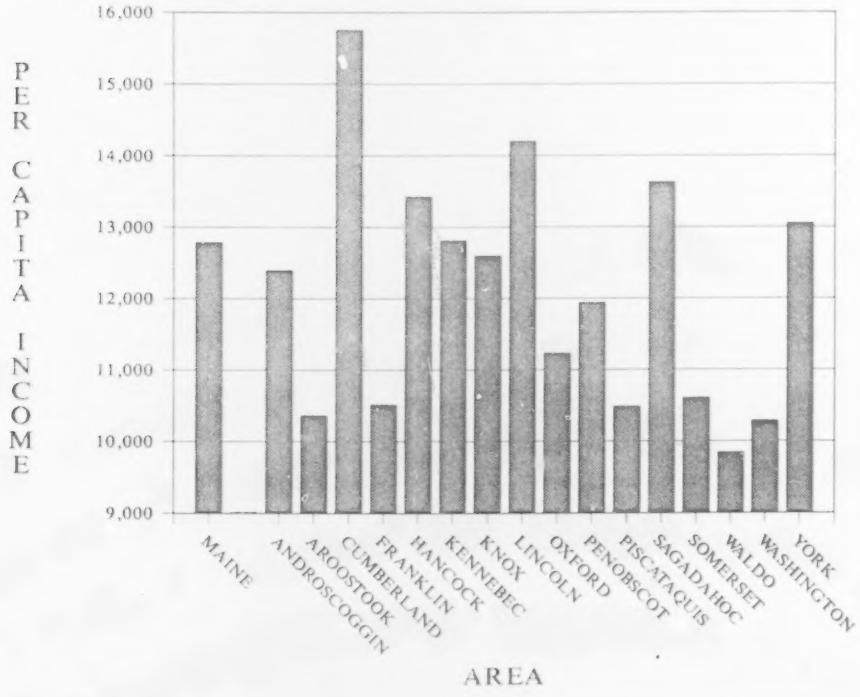

Selected Employment Security Activities

UI Benefit Payments
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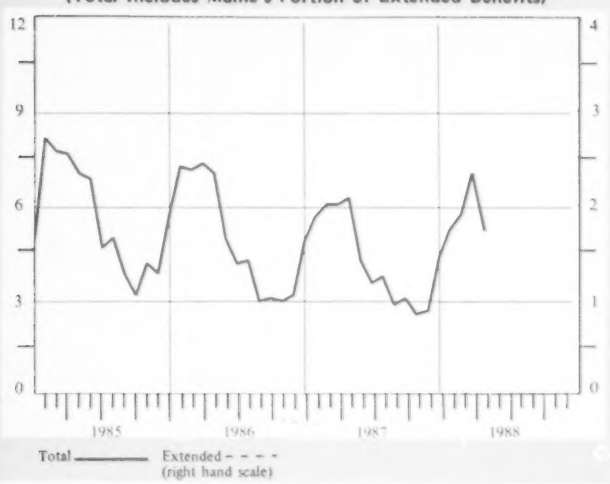
(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance in Millions

(End of Month)

Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work
in Thousands

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND MSA This Month	PORTLAND MSA Last Month	PORTLAND MSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 1/	513.1	507.0	488.2	125.5	123.0	120.1	40.1	39.9	38.9
Total Manufacturing	104.7	105.8	101.2	16.6	16.5	15.7	10.5	10.5	10.0
Durable Goods	48.4	49.5	45.1	8.4	8.2	7.4	2.8	2.8	2.8
Lumber and Wood Products	11.4	12.9	11.9	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.3	0.3	0.3
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.5	3.5	3.5	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.8	0.8	0.8
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	4.6	4.7	4.2	2.3	2.3	2.1	0.2	0.2	0.3
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	11.6	11.6	10.2	3.3	3.3	3.2	0.8	0.8	0.8
Transportation Equipment 2/	12.3	12.0	10.9	(d)	(d)	(d)	0.2	0.2	0.2
Other Durable Goods 3/	5.0	4.8	4.4	1.3	1.2	0.8	0.5	0.5	0.4
Nondurable Goods	56.3	56.3	56.1	8.2	8.3	8.3	7.7	7.7	7.2
Food and Kindred Products	7.2	7.2	7.4	2.0	2.0	2.0	0.9	0.9	0.8
Textile Mill Products	6.7	6.7	6.5	(d)	(d)	(d)	1.3	1.2	1.2
Apparel and Other Textile Products	3.1	3.1	3.6	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1
Paper and Allied Products	17.1	17.0	16.9	(d)	(d)	(d)	0.6	0.5	0.6
Printing and Publishing	5.4	5.5	5.2	1.6	1.6	1.6	0.7	0.7	0.6
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	3.8	3.8	3.5	0.2	0.2	0.2	1.8	1.9	1.6
Leather and Leather Products	11.9	11.9	11.9	1.5	1.6	1.4	2.2	2.3	2.2
Footwear (except Rubber)	9.9	9.9	9.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.8	1.8	1.7
Other Nondurable Goods 4/	1.1	1.1	1.1	2.7	2.7	2.9	0.1	0.1	0.1
Total Nonmanufacturing	408.4	401.2	387.0	108.9	106.5	104.3	29.6	29.4	28.9
Construction and Mining	31.5	28.5	29.0	9.1	8.5	8.5	2.2	2.1	2.0
Building Construction	11.4	10.8	10.9	2.6	2.5	2.5	0.5	0.5	0.4
Special Trades Contractor	14.8	13.5	13.3	5.0	4.7	4.3	1.6	1.5	1.5
Transportation and Public Utilities	20.7	20.3	20.1	5.9	5.9	5.8	1.4	1.4	1.4
Wholesale Trade	24.7	24.5	23.3	9.8	9.8	9.4	2.0	1.9	1.9
Retail Trade	103.1	100.8	94.8	25.6	25.2	25.5	7.6	7.6	7.5
Food Stores	19.6	19.4	18.3	4.3	4.2	4.1	1.5	1.4	1.4
Eating and Drinking Places	32.1	29.7	28.2	7.5	7.1	7.5	2.4	2.4	2.2
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	25.2	24.9	24.5	12.6	12.3	11.9	2.3	2.3	2.1
Banking	8.9	8.8	8.5	3.1	3.0	2.9	0.9	0.9	0.8
Insurance Carriers, Brokers and Agents	10.0	10.0	9.9	5.9	5.8	5.3	0.7	0.7	0.6
Services	110.4	109.4	104.2	30.1	29.1	27.7	10.1	10.2	10.0
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	7.2	6.2	6.9	2.5	2.3	1.6	0.4	0.3	0.3
Business Services	11.6	11.3	11.4	5.0	4.8	4.5	1.0	0.9	0.9
Health Services	42.3	42.6	40.1	10.1	10.2	9.7	4.0	3.9	4.2
Federal Government	18.4	18.4	18.1	2.0	1.9	1.9	0.3	0.3	0.3
State and Local Government 5/	74.4	74.4	73.0	13.8	13.8	13.6	3.7	3.6	3.7
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	1.6	1.6	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/ Employment figures relate to full- and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/ Transportation equipment and instruments are combined in the Lewiston series. 3/ Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 38, 39; Portland - 25, 32, 37, 38, 39; Lewiston - 25, 32, 39. 4/ Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 28, 29; Portland - 22, 26, 28, 29; Lewiston - 28, 29. 5/ Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. *Less than 50. (d) Nondisclosure item.

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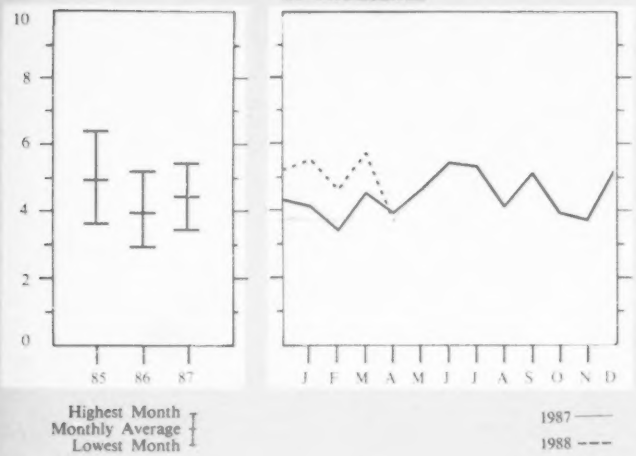
New Applications For Work

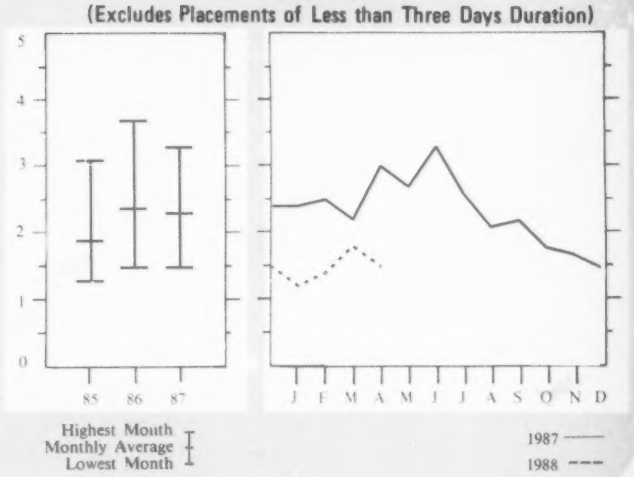
in Thousands



Nonfarm Placements

in Thousands

(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1987	1986	1985
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$359.56	$361.21	$361.38	40.4	41.0	41.3	$8.90	$8.81	$8.75	$8.77	$8.65	$8.40
Durable Goods	341.12	348.10	349.40	41.6	42.4	42.3	8.20	8.21	8.26	8.32	8,52	8.46
Lumber and Wood Products	319.58	331.71	312.08	40.3	40.7	41.5	7.93	8.15	7.52	7.82	7.74	8.06
Primary and Fabricated Metals	385.44	412.67	363.79	43.9	49.6	42.9	8.78	8.32	8.48	8.94	8.58	8.25
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	422.99	433.29	395.54	48.9	50.5	42.9	8.65	8.58	9.22	9.20	9.62	9.11
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	344.03	342.34	317.15	41.4	41.8	39.3	8.31	8.19	8.07	8.03	7.94	7.57
Other Durable Goods	325.22	329.27	390.60	40.4	40.6	45.0	8.05	8.11	8.68	8.60	9.41	9.50
Nondurable Goods	375.71	373.72	371.39	39.3	39.8	40.5	9.56	9.39	9.17	9.18	8.76	8.31
Food and Kindred Products	263.49	262.08	252.65	35.8	36.0	34.8	7.36	7.28	7.26	7.16	7.00	6.63
Textile Mill Products	300.92	305.63	285.37	40.5	39.9	39.8	7.43	7.66	7.17	7.35	7.04	6.64
Apparel and Other Textile Products	223.30	225.89	225.45	35.9	36.2	37.7	6.22	6.24	5.98	5.92	5.73	5.83
Paper and Allied Products	607.50	605.24	603.19	43.3	44.7	45.8	14.03	13.54	13.17	13.43	12.70	12.25
Leather and Leather Products	242.72	237.97	243.96	37.0	37.3	38.0	6.56	6.38	6.42	6.34	6.05	5.93
Other Nondurable Goods	326.42	327.25	333.28	38.0	38.5	40.3	8.59	8.50	8.27	8.28	8.00	7.51
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing	380.55	399.93	367.20	40.7	42.5	40.0	9.35	9.41	9.18	9.13	9.17	8.90
LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA												
Manufacturing	317.95	320.85	296.94	40.4	41.4	40.4	7.87	7.75	7.35	7.40	7.19	6.78

Female Labor Force in Maine

in Thousands

ITEM	This Month 1/	Last Month 1/	Year Ago 2/
Labor Force	259.6	257.9	253.5
Unemployed	10.4	11.8	14.6
(Percent)	4.0%	4.6%	5.8%
Resident Employed	249.2	246.1	238.9

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec.
(1982-1984 = 100) All Items (CPI-U)	117.1	116.5	112.7	115.4

Percent Change for Past Month	+0.5%
Percent Change from Last December	+1.5%
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+3.9%

1/ Preliminary estimates 2/ Revised

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

in Thousands

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE-Statewide	591.3	583.0	573.9	565.4	552.5	541.8	25.9	30.5	32.1	4.4	5.2	5.6
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor MSA	42,500	41,500	42,100	41,000	39,800	40,200	1,500	1,700	1,900	3.5	4.1	4.5
Lewiston-Auburn MSA	41,400	41,700	41,500	39,600	39,400	38,800	1,800	2,300	2,700	4.3	5.5	6.5
Portland MSA	125,000	123,600	121,300	122,500	120,300	118,100	2,500	3,300	3,200	2.0	2.7	2.6
Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA 3/	n/a	131,500	128,000	n/a	128,400	124,900	n/a	3,100	3,100	n/a	2.4	2.4
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	34,220	33,520	33,170	32,780	31,800	31,320	1,440	1,720	1,850	4.2	5.1	5.6
Bath-Brunswick	29,050	28,480	27,870	28,300	27,360	26,350	750	1,120	1,520	2.6	3.9	5.5
Belfast	11,710	11,870	11,370	10,490	10,400	10,480	1,220	1,470	890	10.4	12.4	7.8
Biddeford	27,250	26,480	26,110	26,440	25,300	25,060	810	1,180	1,050	3.0	4.5	4.0
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	14,310	13,510	13,480	13,930	12,790	13,060	380	720	420	2.7	5.3	3.1
Calais-Eastport	14,510	14,190	13,580	12,710	12,590	11,740	1,800	1,600	1,840	12.4	11.3	13.5
Caribou-Presque Isle	21,530	21,630	21,420	19,780	19,730	19,060	1,750	1,900	2,360	8.1	8.8	11.0
Central Penobscot	2,640	2,670	2,520	2,480	2,500	2,330	160	170	190	6.1	6.4	7.5
Dover-Foxcroft	6,600	6,800	6,640	6,290	6,420	5,990	310	380	650	4.7	5.6	9.8
Ellsworth	22,250	21,210	21,250	21,070	19,330	19,530	1,180	1,880	1,720	5.3	8.9	8.1
Farmington	12,610	12,690	12,480	11,840	12,010	11,520	770	680	960	6.1	5.4	7.7
Fort Kent-Allagash	4,750	4,930	4,960	4,130	4,490	4,140	620	440	820	13.1	8.9	16.5
Greenville	1,120	1,310	1,120	1,010	1,240	1,010	110	70	110	9.8	5.3	9.8
Houlton	6,170	6,030	6,100	5,750	5,670	5,540	420	360	560	6.8	6.0	9.2
Kittery-York 3/	29,580	29,130	28,510	29,230	28,510	28,180	350	620	330	1.2	2.1	1.2
Lincoln-Howland	5,590	5,440	5,420	5,070	5,160	4,940	520	280	480	9.3	5.1	8.9
Livermore Falls	4,060	3,980	4,300	3,810	3,680	4,030	250	300	270	6.2	7.5	6.3
Madawaska-Van Buren	3,950	3,900	3,620	3,510	3,450	3,230	440	450	390	11.1	11.5	10.8
Millinocket-East Millinocket	3,960	3,920	4,070	3,710	3,690	3,850	250	230	220	6.3	5.9	5.4
Norway-Paris	12,430	12,280	11,310	11,950	11,670	10,640	480	610	670	3.9	5.0	5.9
Patten-Island Falls	2,270	2,340	2,300	2,030	2,160	1,980	240	180	320	10.6	7.7	13.9
Rockland	18,300	18,090	17,350	17,620	17,010	16,630	680	1,080	720	3.7	6.0	4.1
Rumford	8,680	8,560	8,440	7,920	7,920	7,600	760	640	840	8.8	7.5	10.0
Sanford	16,590	16,370	15,380	16,040	15,490	14,810	550	880	570	3.3	5.4	3.7
Sebago Lakes Region	11,220	10,740	10,850	10,900	10,280	10,500	320	460	350	2.9	4.3	3.2
Skowhegan	22,770	22,090	21,830	21,030	20,420	19,890	1,740	1,670	1,940	7.6	7.6	8.9
Southwest Penobscot	10,460	10,480	10,330	9,770	9,570	9,210	690	910	1,120	6.6	8.7	10.8
Waterville	23,940	23,600	23,250	22,720	22,380	22,070	1,220	1,220	1,180	5.1	5.2	5.1
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	1,705.6	1,691.2	1,747.1	1,662.2	1,638.9	1,690.6	43.4	52.3	56.5	2.5	3.1	3.2
Massachusetts	3,135.4	3,169.0	3,056.3	3,043.8	3,055.0	2,937.9	91.6	114.0	118.4	2.9	3.6	3.9
New Hampshire	n/a	590.8	572.4	n/a	574.0	557.3	n/a	16.8	15.1	n/a	2.8	2.6
Rhode Island	524.4	520.5	520.4	506.8	499.3	499.0	17.6	21.2	21.4	3.4	4.1	4.1
Vermont	298.4	298.2	289.6	288.2	287.2	276.6	10.2	11.0	13.0	3.4	3.7	4.5
NEW ENGLAND STATES	n/a	6,852.7	6,759.7	n/a	6,606.9	6,503.2	n/a	245.8	256.5	n/a	3.6	3.8
UNITED STATES 4/	120,264	119,957	118,347	113,905	112,867	111,041	6,359	7,090	7,306	5.3	5.9	6.2

MSA-Metropolitan Statistical Area

Note

n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.
Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding.

Footnotes

1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data adjusted to place of residence basis. Excludes members of the Armed Forces.

2/ Current and last month figures preliminary; year ago figures revised.

3/ Kittery-York is the eight-town Maine portion of the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA which includes towns in both Maine and New Hampshire.

4/ National estimates based on a sample of household visits; state estimates based on enlargements of employment figures reported.

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Mid-Month Insured Unemployment (Less Partials)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued-Week Claimants	8,654	10,552	10,109	717	1,064	944	614	801	819
Insured Unemployment Rate *	1.7	2.2	2.1	0.6	1.0	0.9	1.7	2.2	2.3

* Should not be confused with insured unemployment rates as defined in the Employment Security Law.

Economic/Demographic Profile for Maine

	1970	1975	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987
Total Population	997,000	1,063,000	1,125,000	1,135,000	1,140,000	1,148,000	1,158,000	1,166,000	1,172,000	1,187,000
% Change/Previous Year	--	--	--	0.9	0.4	0.7	0.9	0.7	0.5	1.3
Labor Force	410,300	456,900	507,000	509,000	516,000	537,000	551,000	553,000	561,000	587,000
% Change/Previous Year	--	--	--	0.4	1.4	4.1	2.6	0.4	1.4	4.6
Employed	387,700	409,700	468,000	472,000	472,000	489,000	517,000	523,000	531,000	561,000
Unemployed	22,600	47,200	39,000	37,000	44,000	48,000	34,000	30,000	30,000	26,000
Unemployment Rate	5.5	10.3	7.8	7.2	8.6	9.0	6.1	5.4	5.3	4.4
Total Non-Agricultural Employment	332,200	356,900	418,300	419,200	415,500	425,000	445,700	458,400	477,400	501,000
Construction and Mining	17,000	18,800	19,700	17,700	16,800	17,100	20,600	23,500	27,100	31,000
% of Total Employment	5.1	5.3	4.7	4.2	4.0	4.0	4.6	5.1	5.7	6.2
Manufacturing	110,400	96,300	113,200	113,500	108,600	109,200	110,700	105,900	103,600	103,600
% of Total Employment	33.2	27.0	27.1	27.1	26.1	25.7	24.8	23.1	21.7	20.7
Transportation, Communication, Public Utilities	17,600	17,700	18,700	18,700	18,500	18,400	19,100	19,300	19,400	20,400
% of Total Employment	5.3	5.0	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.3	4.3	4.2	4.1	4.1
Trade	65,900	75,700	88,900	89,400	90,500	94,500	101,300	108,000	116,100	124,200
% of Total Employment	19.8	21.2	21.2	21.3	21.8	22.2	22.7	23.6	24.3	24.8
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	12,200	14,200	16,500	17,000	17,500	18,100	19,500	20,900	22,900	24,800
% of Total Employment	3.7	3.9	3.9	4.0	4.2	4.3	4.4	4.6	4.8	5.0
Services	42,700	59,400	78,000	80,300	81,500	84,600	90,600	95,800	101,600	108,400
% of Total Employment	12.9	16.6	18.6	19.2	19.6	19.9	20.3	20.9	21.3	21.6
Government	66,400	74,800	83,300	82,600	82,100	83,100	83,900	84,900	86,700	88,600
% of Total Employment	20.0	21.0	19.9	19.7	19.8	19.6	18.8	18.5	18.2	17.7
Personal Income (Mil$)	3,394	5,327	9,266	10,230	10,902	11,806	12,966	13,815	15,007	--
Per Capita Income	3,405	4,963	8,224	9,016	9,569	10,290	11,201	11,857	12,790	--
Births	17,837	15,232	16,474	16,567	16,695	16,576	16,631	16,905	16,717	--
Birth Rate (per 1,000)	17.9	14.3	14.6	14.6	14.7	14.5	14.4	14.5	14.3	--
Deaths	11,066	10,253	10,768	10,331	10,451	10,916	10,826	11,392	11,178	--
Death Rate (per 1,000)	11.1	9.6	9.6	9.1	9.2	9.5	9.4	9.8	9.5	--

Sources: US Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census; Maine Department of Labor, Division of Economic Analysis and Research; Maine Department of Human Services, Office of Data, Research and Vital Statistics; US Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis.

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BABY BOOM, BUST, AND BOOMLET

Changes in Maine's population are governed to a large extent by birthrate cycles which have become known as the baby boom, from 1946 to 1964; the baby bust, from 1965 to 1976; and the baby boomlet, which started in 1977. Although births have increased since 1977, the accompanying graph demonstrates that recent births in Maine have not begun to approach the baby boom level, and are higher only in comparison to the late baby bust period.

The previous cycles of baby boom and baby bust produced many changes in society. Baby boomers, who are now 24 to 42 years old, have endured crowded classrooms and faced intense competition for jobs. Baby boomers also have had a significant social and economic impact, as the large number of these individuals magnified their influence.

The baby bust age group, aged 12 to 23, has had a very different experience as it passed through the school system, and then entered the labor force starting in 1981. Current labor shortages in many areas are in part the result of the smaller number of young people available for entry-level jobs. This has put the members of the baby bust group at a relative advantage in seeking employment. Many observers have noted that this age group has had a less dramatic impact on social and economic institutions than the baby boomers, partially due to their lower numbers.

Some projected population developments in Maine and the nation are:

- The Census Bureau projects that births may peak this year, then begin a gradual decline through the rest of the century.
- The number of teenagers will hit a low in the late 1980s.
- In the early 1990s the number of teenagers will begin to rise again as the boomlet enters this age group.
- The number of 18 to 24 year olds will hit a low point in the mid 1990s, after which the first of the boomlet will begin to show.

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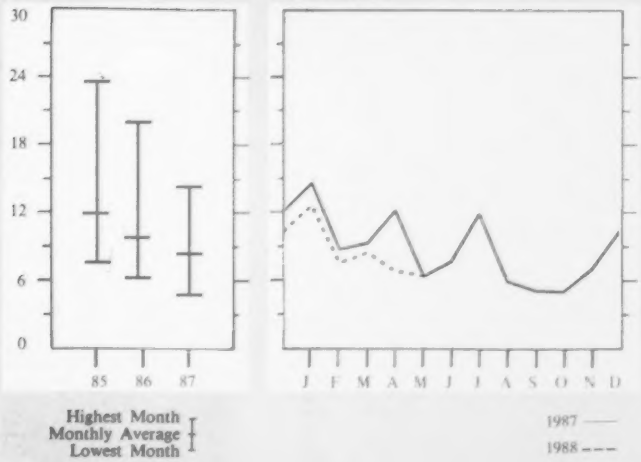
UI Initial Claims

in Thousands



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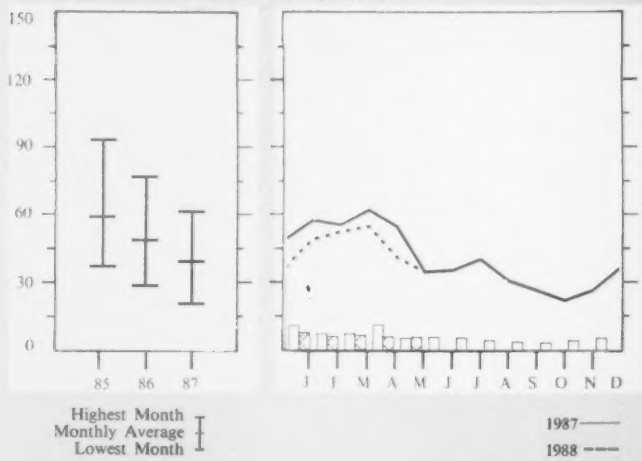
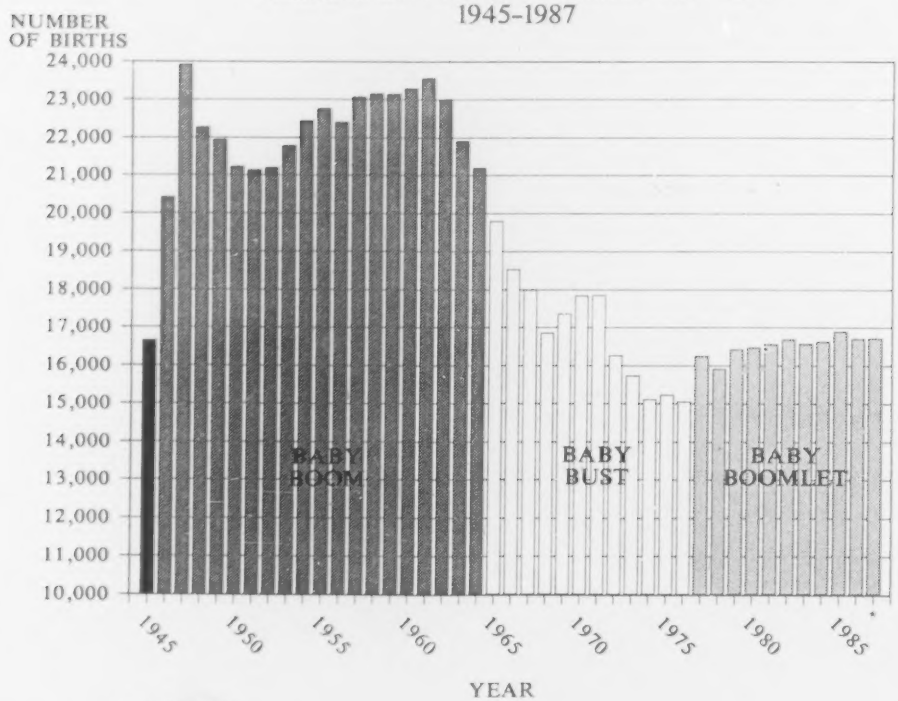


Number of Births in Maine Per Year 1945-1987



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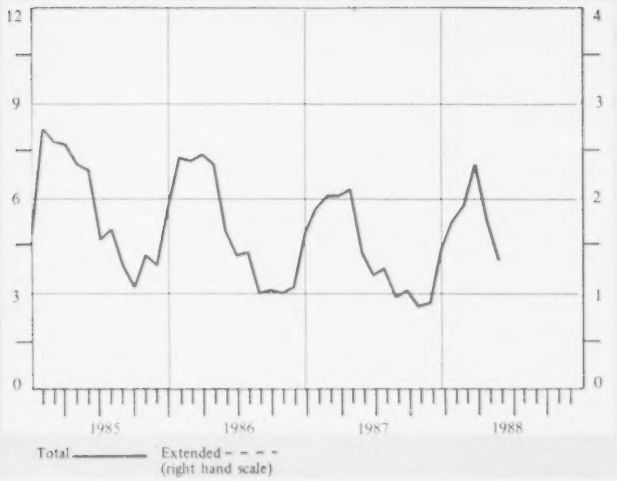
Selected Employment Security Activities

UI Benefit Payments
in Millions
(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



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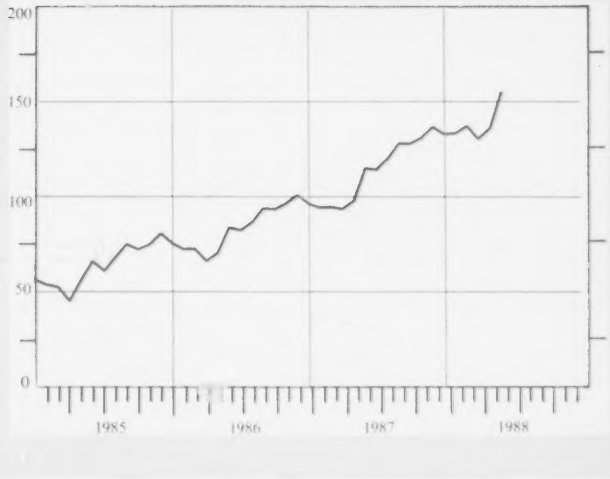

Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work
in Thousands

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND MSA This Month	PORTLAND MSA Last Month	PORTLAND MSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 1/	520.6	513.1	497.6	126.0	125.5	120.9	40.6	40.1	39.5
Total Manufacturing	105.8	104.7	102.1	16.5	16.6	15.4	10.6	10.5	10.2
Durable Goods	49.3	48.4	45.8	8.3	8.4	7.1	2.9	2.8	2.8
Lumber and Wood Products	11.9	11.4	12.6	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.3	0.3	0.3
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.5	3.5	3.5	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.8	0.8	0.8
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	4.7	4.6	4.3	2.3	2.3	2.1	0.2	0.2	0.3
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	11.7	11.6	10.1	3.3	3.3	3.2	0.8	0.8	0.7
Transportation Equipment 2/	12.5	12.3	10.8	(d)	(d)	(d)	0.2	0.2	0.2
Other Durable Goods 3	5.0	5.0	4.5	1.4	1.3	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.5
Nondurable Goods	56.5	56.3	56.3	8.2	8.2	8.3	7.7	7.7	7.4
Food and Kindred Products	7.1	7.2	7.4	2.0	2.0	2.1	0.9	0.9	0.9
Textile Mill Products	6.7	6.7	7.0	(d)	(d)	(d)	1.2	1.3	1.2
Apparel and Other Textile Products	3.1	3.1	3.0	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1
Paper and Allied Products	17.3	17.1	16.9	(d)	(d)	(d)	0.6	0.6	0.5
Printing and Publishing	5.4	5.4	5.2	1.6	1.6	1.6	0.7	0.7	0.6
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	3.8	3.8	3.6	0.2	0.2	0.2	1.8	1.8	1.7
Leather and Leather Products	11.9	11.9	12.0	1.5	1.5	1.4	2.3	2.2	2.2
Footwear (except Rubber)	9.9	9.9	10.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.8	1.8	1.8
Other Nondurable Goods 4	1.2	1.1	1.2	2.7	2.7	2.8	0.1	0.1	0.2
Total Nonmanufacturing	414.8	408.4	395.5	109.5	108.9	105.4	30.0	29.6	29.3
Construction and Mining	34.7	31.5	32.1	9.4	9.1	8.9	2.4	2.2	2.2
Building Construction	12.4	11.4	11.8	2.7	2.6	2.6	0.5	0.5	0.5
Special Trades Contractor	16.2	14.8	14.5	5.1	5.0	4.5	1.8	1.6	1.6
Transportation and Public Utilities	20.9	20.7	20.5	6.0	5.9	5.9	1.4	1.4	1.4
Wholesale Trade	24.7	24.7	23.6	9.9	9.8	9.4	2.0	2.0	2.0
Retail Trade	106.2	103.1	98.8	26.0	25.6	26.0	7.8	7.6	7.6
Food Stores	19.9	19.6	18.7	4.4	4.3	4.2	1.5	1.5	1.4
Eating and Drinking Places	34.8	32.1	30.8	7.8	7.5	7.8	2.5	2.4	2.3
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	25.3	25.2	24.8	12.8	12.6	12.1	2.3	2.3	2.2
Banking	9.0	8.9	8.6	3.1	3.1	2.9	0.9	0.9	0.8
Insurance Carriers, Brokers and Agents	10.0	10.0	10.0	6.0	5.9	5.4	0.7	0.7	0.6
Services	112.3	110.4	106.6	30.3	30.1	28.2	10.2	10.1	10.0
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	8.5	7.2	8.4	2.5	2.5	1.7	0.4	0.4	0.3
Business Services	12.0	11.6	11.7	5.2	5.0	4.6	1.0	1.0	0.9
Health Services	42.3	42.3	40.1	10.1	10.1	9.7	4.1	4.0	4.1
Federal Government	18.5	18.4	18.2	2.0	2.0	1.9	0.3	0.3	0.3
State and Local Government 5/	72.2	74.4	70.9	13.1	13.8	13.0	3.6	3.7	3.6
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	1.6	1.6	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/ Employment figures relate to full- and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/ Transportation equipment and instruments are combined in the Lewiston series. 3/ Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 38, 39; Portland - 25, 32, 37, 38, 39; Lewiston - 25, 32, 39. 4/ Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 28, 29; Portland - 22, 26, 28, 29; Lewiston - 28, 29. 5/ Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. *Less than 50. (d) Nondisclosure item.

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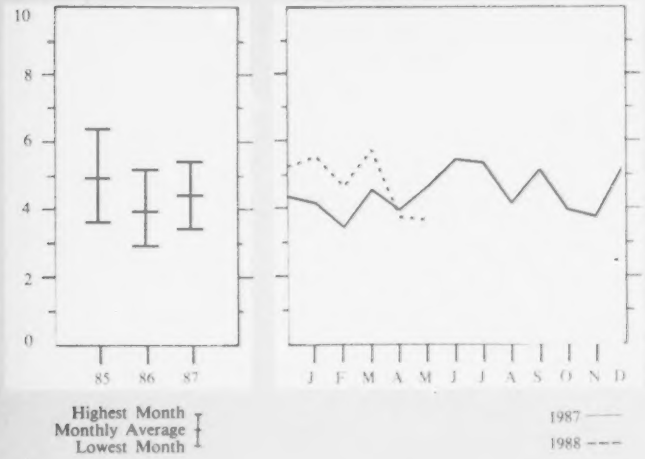
New Applications For Work

in Thousands



Nonfarm Placements

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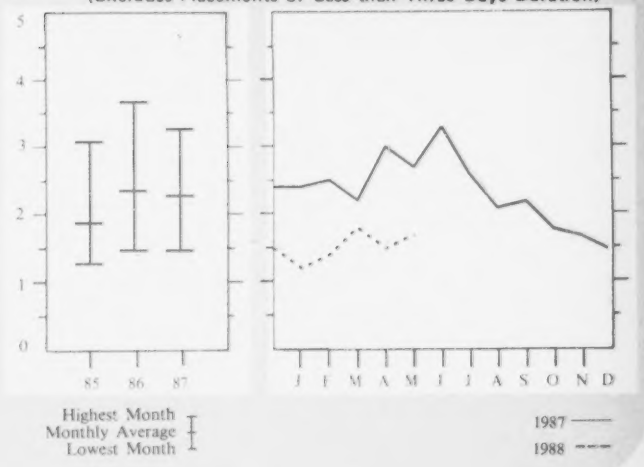
(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1987	1986	1985
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$369.74	$359.56	$361.50	40.9	40.4	41.6	$9.04	$8.90	$8.69	$8.77	$8.65	$8.40
Durable Goods	342.79	341.12	350.06	41.4	41.6	42.9	8.28	8.20	8.16	8.32	8.52	8.46
Lumber and Wood Products	321.12	319.58	311.41	40.7	40.3	42.6	7.89	7.93	7.31	7.82	7.74	8.06
Primary and Fabricated Metals	387.18	385.44	367.65	44.3	43.9	42.8	8.74	8.78	8.59	8.94	8.58	8.25
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	418.17	422.99	402.32	47.9	48.9	43.4	8.73	8.65	9.27	9.20	9.62	9.11
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	332.37	344.03	325.19	39.9	41.4	40.7	8.33	8.31	7.99	8.03	7.94	7.57
Other Durable Goods	338.64	325.22	384.42	40.8	40.4	44.7	8.30	8.05	8.60	8.60	9.41	9.50
Nondurable Goods	393.09	375.71	371.08	40.4	39.3	40.6	9.73	9.56	9.14	9.18	8.76	8.31
Food and Kindred Products	286.81	263.49	264.25	37.2	35.8	36.1	7.71	7.36	7.32	7.16	7.00	6.63
Textile Mill Products	301.38	300.92	296.12	40.4	40.5	41.3	7.46	7.43	7.17	7.35	7.04	6.64
Apparel and Other Textile Products	221.76	223.30	218.58	35.2	35.9	37.3	6.30	6.22	5.86	5.92	5.73	5.83
Paper and Allied Products	646.24	607.50	601.61	45.8	43.3	45.2	14.11	14.03	13.31	13.43	12.70	12.25
Leather and Leather Products	248.50	242.72	237.89	37.2	37.0	37.7	6.68	6.56	6.31	6.34	6.05	5.93
Other Nondurable Goods	338.45	326.42	339.36	39.4	38.0	40.4	8.59	8.59	8.40	8.28	8.00	7.51
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing	394.15	380.55	371.79	41.1	40.7	40.5	9.59	9.35	9.18	9.13	9.17	8.90
LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA												
Manufacturing	330.76	317.95	294.19	41.5	40.4	40.3	7.97	7.87	7.30	7.40	7.19	6.78

Female Labor Force in Maine

in Thousands

ITEM	This Month 1/	Last Month 1/	Year Ago 2/
Labor Force	260.3	259.6	256.7
Unemployed	10.1	10.4	12.7
(Percent)	3.9%	4.0%	4.9%
Resident Employed	250.2	249.2	244.0

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec.
(1982-1984 = 100) All Items (CPI-U)	117.5	117.1	113.1	115.4

Percent Change for Past Month	+0.3%
Percent Change from Last December	+1.8%
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+3.9%

1/ Preliminary estimates 2/ Revised

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

in Thousands

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE-Statewide	587.8	591.3	582.2	565.3	565.4	557.3	22.5	25.9	24.9	3.8	4.4	4.3
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor MSA	40,900	42,500	41,800	39,800	41,000	40,000	1,100	1,500	1,800	2.7	3.5	4.3
Lewiston-Auburn MSA	41,000	41,400	41,700	39,400	39,600	39,500	1,600	1,800	2,200	3.9	4.3	5.3
Portland MSA	123,700	125,000	122,100	121,100	122,500	119,300	2,600	2,500	2,800	2.1	2.0	2.3
Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA 3/	n/a	132,600	130,800	n/a	130,600	128,000	n/a	2,000	2,800	n/a	1.5	2.1
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	33,420	34,220	33,460	32,380	32,780	31,910	1,040	1,440	1,550	3.1	4.2	4.6
Bath-Brunswick	28,940	29,050	27,900	28,210	28,300	26,800	730	750	1,100	2.5	2.6	3.9
Belfast	11,530	11,710	11,700	10,560	10,490	11,040	970	1,220	660	8.4	10.4	5.6
Biddeford	27,830	27,250	26,870	27,160	26,440	25,970	670	810	900	2.4	3.0	3.3
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	14,690	14,310	14,270	14,370	13,930	13,910	320	380	360	2.2	2.7	2.5
Calais-Eastport	14,680	14,510	13,620	12,980	12,710	12,120	1,700	1,800	1,500	11.6	12.4	11.0
Caribou-Presque Isle	21,550	21,530	21,220	20,070	19,780	19,630	1,480	1,750	1,590	6.9	8.1	7.5
Central Penobscot	2,750	2,640	2,660	2,640	2,490	2,490	110	160	170	4.0	6.1	6.4
Dover-Foxcroft	6,740	6,600	6,830	6,470	6,290	6,490	270	310	340	4.0	4.7	5.0
Ellsworth	23,050	22,250	22,380	21,800	21,070	21,310	1,250	1,180	1,070	5.4	5.3	4.8
Farmington	12,170	12,610	12,060	11,500	11,840	11,340	670	770	720	5.5	6.1	6.0
Fort Kent-Allagash	4,760	4,750	4,810	4,080	4,130	4,140	680	620	670	14.3	13.1	13.9
Greenville	1,190	1,120	1,220	1,100	1,010	1,150	90	110	70	7.6	9.8	5.7
Houlton	6,220	6,170	6,280	5,800	5,750	5,900	420	420	380	6.8	6.8	6.1
Kittery-York 3/	29,670	29,580	29,220	29,400	29,230	28,920	270	350	300	0.9	1.2	1.0
Lincoln-Howland	5,510	5,590	5,440	5,210	5,070	5,140	300	520	300	5.4	9.3	5.5
Livermore Falls	4,220	4,060	4,380	4,000	3,810	4,170	220	250	210	5.2	6.2	4.8
Madawaska-Van Buren	3,940	3,950	3,770	3,530	3,510	3,390	410	440	380	10.4	11.1	10.1
Millinocket-East Millinocket	3,890	3,960	4,200	3,710	3,710	3,940	180	250	260	4.6	6.3	6.2
Norway-Paris	12,300	12,430	11,650	11,910	11,950	11,170	390	480	480	3.2	3.9	4.1
Patten-Island Falls	2,450	2,270	2,440	2,180	2,030	2,210	270	240	230	11.0	10.6	9.4
Rockland	18,600	18,300	18,050	17,880	17,620	17,480	720	680	570	3.9	3.7	3.2
Rumford	8,290	8,680	8,330	7,660	7,920	7,800	630	760	530	7.6	8.8	6.4
Sanford	16,470	16,590	15,680	15,960	16,040	15,180	510	550	500	3.1	3.3	3.2
Sebago Lakes Region	11,360	11,220	11,670	11,030	10,900	11,310	330	320	360	2.9	2.9	3.1
Skowhegan	22,210	22,770	22,370	20,920	21,030	21,120	1,290	1,740	1,250	5.8	7.6	5.6
Southwest Penobscot	10,220	10,460	10,660	9,760	9,770	9,930	460	690	730	4.5	6.6	6.8
Waterville	23,520	23,940	23,480	22,720	22,720	22,530	800	1,220	950	3.4	5.1	4.0
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	n/a	1,705.6	1,752.6	n/a	1,662.2	1,697.3	n/a	43.4	55.4	n/a	2.5	3.2
Massachusetts	3,106.0	3,135.4	3,062.8	3,022.0	3,043.8	2,959.6	84.0	91.6	103.3	2.7	2.9	3.4
New Hampshire	n/a	602.0	584.2	n/a	588.2	569.4	n/a	13.8	14.8	n/a	2.3	2.5
Rhode Island	524.7	524.4	522.8	510.3	506.8	502.8	14.4	17.6	20.0	2.7	3.4	3.8
Vermont	295.1	298.4	292.5	287.2	288.2	282.0	7.9	10.2	10.5	2.7	3.4	3.6
NEW ENGLAND STATES	n/a	6,857.1	6,797.3	n/a	6,654.6	6,568.4	n/a	202.5	228.9	n/a	3.0	3.4
UNITED STATES 4/	120,775	120,264	119,695	114,222	113,905	112,377	6,553	6,359	7,318	5.4	5.3	6.1

MSA-Metropolitan Statistical Area

Note

n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.
Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding.

Footnotes

1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data adjusted to place of residence basis. Excludes members of the Armed Forces.

2/ Current and last month figures preliminary; year ago figures revised.

3/ Kittery-York is the eight-town Maine portion of the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA which includes towns in both Maine and New Hampshire.

4/ National estimates based on a sample of household visits; state estimates based on enlargements of employment figures reported.

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Mid-Month Insured Unemployment (Less Partials)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued-Week Claimants	6,311	8,654	6,786	649	717	746	515	614	684
Insured Unemployment Rate *	1.3	1.7	1.4	0.6	0.6	0.7	1.4	1.7	1.9

* Should not be confused with insured unemployment rates as defined in the Employment Security Law.

Selected Characteristics Of Unemployment Insurance Claimants

REGULAR PROGRAM

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY OCCUPATION

CATEGORY	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Professional, Technical, and Managerial	8.9	7.7	8.7
Clerical and Sales	15.1	13.3	17.1
Service	9.1	9.0	9.6
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, and Related	6.9	5.9	4.4
Processing	7.8	6.4	4.9
Machine Trades	8.7	9.2	10.3
Benchwork	7.1	6.5	15.1
Structural Work	18.3	23.8	14.6
Miscellaneous	18.1	18.2	15.3

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE

CATEGORY	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Total under 40	56.2	57.5	56.0
Under 22	4.3	4.1	4.3
22-24	7.8	8.5	8.0
25-34	31.5	32.2	31.0
35-39	12.6	12.7	12.7
Total 40 and Over	43.8	42.5	44.0
40-44	10.9	10.7	10.4
45-54	16.5	16.3	15.9
55-64	12.3	11.8	12.7
65 and Over	4.1	3.7	5.0

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Civilian Labor Force Participation by Women Continues to Increase

During the past ten years women's attachment to the Maine labor force has grown significantly, reaching an all-time high of 56.0 percent in 1987. This means that well over half of Maine women 16 years of age or older were either employed or actively seeking work in 1987, in contrast to 47.3 percent in 1977. Male labor force participation rates for the same time period remained relatively unchanged, with a rate of 74.9 percent in 1977 and 75.6 percent in 1987. Rising female labor force participation rates and the resulting narrowing of the gap between male and female rates is the result of several trends including:

- Increasing number of dual wage earner families.
- Rising level of formal education and training in the female population.
- Growing number of single-parent families.
- Smaller number of children born with a resulting greater attachment of women to the labor force.

Although the female participation rate rose significantly in Maine, and was equal to the U.S. rate of 56.0 percent in 1987, it remained below the New England average. Between 1977 and 1987 the New England regional rate rose from 51.8 percent to 60.0 percent. New England women historically have been more likely to be active in the labor force than their national counterparts. In 1977 the participation rate of New England women was 3.4 percentage points higher than the national rate. This gap widened slightly during the next ten years to 4.0 percentage points in 1987.

Maine is currently experiencing very tight labor markets, particularly in southern and coastal areas, with the statewide June unemployment rate reaching a 32-year low for the month. As the demand for labor continues to expand and spread throughout the state, much of the increase in the supply of labor is expected to come from females. With Maine recording the lowest female labor force participation rate of all the New England states and anticipated continuation of trends affecting female labor force participation during the 1970s and 1980s, there is reason to expect that female participation in Maine's labor force will continue to increase.

For more information concerning female labor force participation, please contact the Maine Department of Labor, Bureau of Employment Security, Division of Economic Analysis and Research, 20 Union Street, Augusta, ME 04330, telephone (207) 289-2271.

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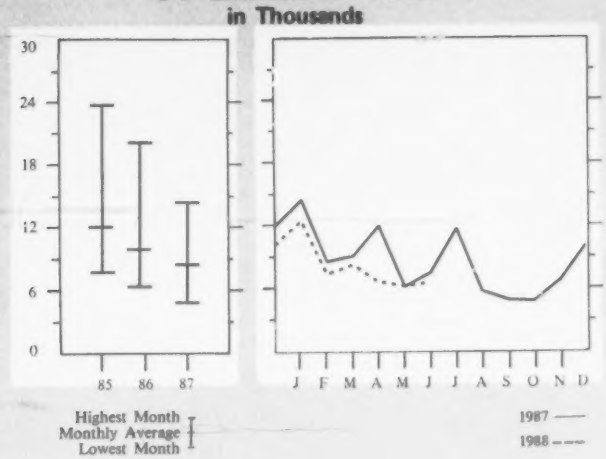
UI Initial Claims

in Thousands



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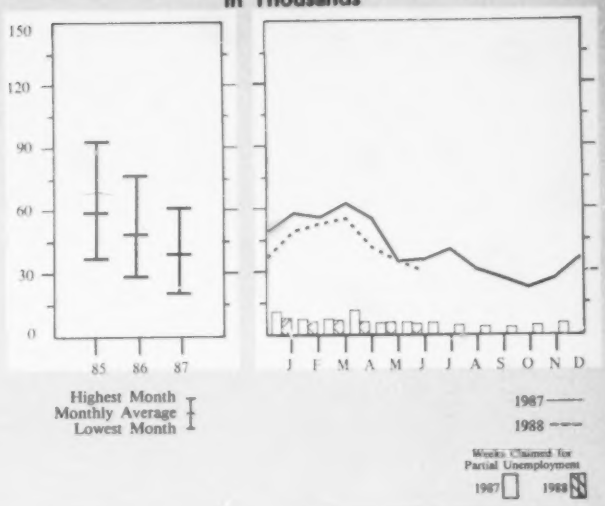


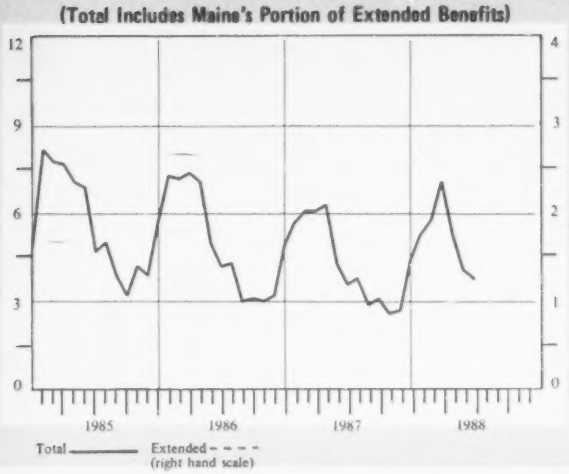
Women's Civilian Labor Force Participation Rates
Maine, New England, and the United States, 1977-1987

YEAR	MAINE	NEW ENGLAND	UNITED STATES
1987	56.0%	60.0%	56.0%
1986	54.2	59.4	55.3
1985	53.4	58.4	54.5
1984	54.5	57.6	53.6
1983	53.3	55.9	52.9
1982	50.4	55.7	52.6
1981	50.0	55.3	52.1
1980	50.3	54.6	51.5
1979	49.6	54.3	50.9
1978	47.1	52.6	50.0
1977	47.3	51.8	48.4

Selected Employment Security Activities

UI Benefit Payments
In Millions

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance in Millions

(End of Month)

Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work
in Thousands

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND MSA This Month	PORTLAND MSA Last Month	PORTLAND MSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 1/	534.7	520.6	511.3	128.7	126.0	124.1	41.3	40.6	39.6
Total Manufacturing	108.6	105.8	104.1	16.4	16.5	15.4	10.5	10.6	10.3
Durable Goods	51.0	49.3	46.9	8.1	8.3	7.1	2.9	2.9	2.8
Lumber and Wood Products	13.1	11.9	13.6	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.5	0.3	0.3
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.5	3.5	3.5	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.8	0.8	0.8
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	4.8	4.7	4.3	2.2	2.3	2.1	0.2	0.2	0.3
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	11.9	11.7	10.2	3.4	3.3	3.1	0.8	0.8	0.7
Transportation Equipment 2/	12.6	12.5	10.7	(d)	(d)	(d)	0.2	0.2	0.2
Other Durable Goods 3/	5.1	5.0	4.6	1.2	1.4	0.6	0.4	0.6	0.5
Nondurable Goods	57.6	56.5	57.2	8.3	8.2	8.3	7.6	7.7	7.5
Food and Kindred Products	7.5	7.1	7.7	2.0	2.0	2.1	0.9	0.9	0.9
Textile Mill Products	6.6	6.7	7.0	(d)	(d)	(d)	1.2	1.2	1.2
Apparel and Other Textile Products	3.1	3.1	3.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1
Paper and Allied Products	17.7	17.3	17.1	(d)	(d)	(d)	0.6	0.6	0.5
Printing and Publishing	5.5	5.4	5.4	1.6	1.6	1.6	0.7	0.7	0.6
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	3.9	3.8	3.6	0.2	0.2	0.2	1.9	1.8	1.8
Leather and Leather Products	12.0	11.9	12.1	1.4	1.5	1.4	2.2	2.3	2.3
Footwear (except Rubber)	10.1	9.9	10.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.8	1.8	1.9
Other Nondurable Goods 4/	1.3	1.2	1.2	2.9	2.7	2.8	*	0.1	0.1
Total Nonmanufacturing	426.1	414.8	407.2	112.3	109.5	108.7	30.8	30.0	29.3
Construction and Mining	36.7	34.7	33.8	10.0	9.4	9.6	2.4	2.4	2.3
Building Construction	13.1	12.4	12.4	2.8	2.7	2.7	0.7	0.5	0.5
Special Trades Contractor	16.7	16.2	15.4	5.3	5.1	4.7	1.6	1.8	1.7
Transportation and Public Utilities	21.5	20.9	21.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	1.5	1.4	1.5
Wholesale Trade	25.1	24.7	24.2	10.1	9.9	9.6	2.1	2.0	2.0
Retail Trade	110.1	106.2	104.1	27.3	26.0	27.0	8.0	7.8	7.7
Food Stores	20.6	19.9	19.4	4.6	4.4	4.3	1.4	1.5	1.4
Eating and Drinking Places	37.4	34.8	34.3	8.6	7.8	8.4	2.5	2.5	2.3
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	25.6	25.3	25.2	12.8	12.8	12.3	2.5	2.3	2.2
Banking	9.3	9.0	8.8	3.2	3.1	2.9	0.9	0.9	0.9
Insurance Carriers, Brokers and Agents	9.9	10.0	10.1	6.1	6.0	5.5	0.7	0.7	0.6
Services	116.9	112.3	110.4	31.2	30.3	29.3	10.4	10.2	9.8
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	10.8	8.5	10.5	2.6	2.5	2.1	0.4	0.4	0.4
Business Services	12.4	12.0	12.0	5.3	5.2	4.8	1.0	1.0	1.0
Health Services	43.0	42.3	40.6	10.3	10.1	9.9	4.3	4.1	4.2
Federal Government	18.6	18.5	18.5	2.0	2.0	2.0	0.3	0.3	0.3
State and Local Government 5/	71.6	72.2	70.0	12.9	13.1	12.9	3.6	3.6	3.5
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	1.6	1.6	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/ Employment figures relate to full- and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/ Transportation equipment and instruments are combined in the Lewiston series. 3/ Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 38, 39; Portland - 25, 32, 37, 38, 39; Lewiston - 25, 32, 39. 4/ Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 28, 29; Portland - 22, 26, 28, 29; Lewiston - 28, 29. 5/ Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. *Less than 50. (d) Nondisclosure item.

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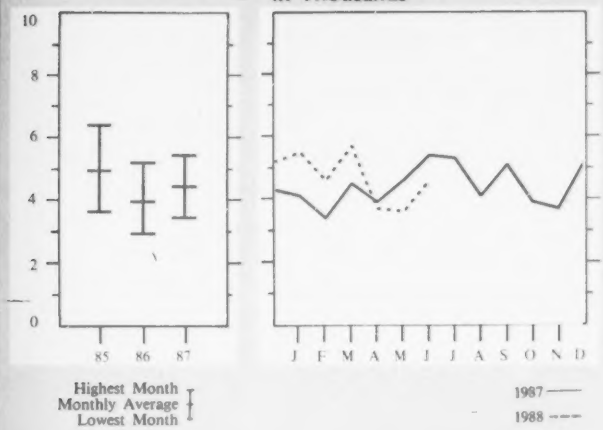
New Applications For Work

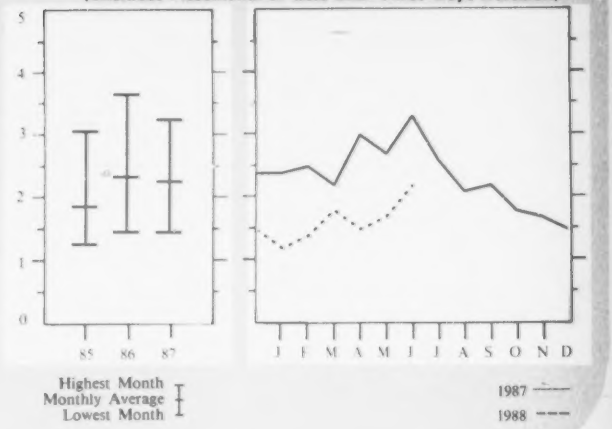
in Thousands



Nonfarm Placements

in Thousands

(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1987	1986	1985
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$363.01	$369.74	$364.04	40.2	40.9	41.6	$9.03	$9.04	$8.69	$8.77	$8.65	$8.40
Durable Goods	343.17	342.79	350.06	41.0	41.4	42.9	8.37	8.28	8.16	8.32	8.52	8.46
Lumber and Wood Products	328.78	321.12	329.50	39.9	40.7	43.7	8.24	7.89	7.54	7.82	7.74	8.06
Primary and Fabricated Metals	392.03	387.18	364.11	43.9	44.3	41.9	8.93	8.74	8.69	8.94	8.58	8.25
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	432.31	418.17	412.22	50.8	47.9	45.6	8.51	8.73	9.04	9.20	9.62	9.11
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	334.84	332.37	332.88	39.3	39.9	41.3	8.52	8.33	8.06	8.03	7.94	7.57
Other Durable Goods	329.64	338.64	378.86	40.2	40.8	43.6	8.20	8.30	8.69	8.60	9.41	9.50
Nondurable Goods	379.64	393.09	371.39	39.3	40.4	40.5	9.66	9.73	9.17	9.18	8.76	8.31
Food and Kindred Products	279.37	286.81	265.58	37.2	37.2	37.3	7.51	7.71	7.12	7.16	7.00	6.63
Textile Mill Products	292.30	301.38	302.21	39.5	40.4	41.8	7.40	7.46	7.23	7.35	7.04	6.64
Apparel and Other Textile Products	215.34	221.76	217.56	34.4	35.2	37.0	6.26	6.30	5.88	5.92	5.73	5.83
Paper and Allied Products	615.47	646.24	589.48	43.1	45.8	41.5	14.28	14.11	13.87	13.43	12.70	12.25
Leather and Leather Products	244.49	248.50	247.02	37.1	37.2	38.9	6.59	6.68	6.35	6.34	6.05	5.93
Other Nondurable Goods	329.72	338.45	349.80	38.7	39.4	42.4	8.52	8.59	8.25	8.28	8.00	7.51
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing	386.04	394.15	357.37	41.2	41.1	39.1	9.37	9.59	9.14	9.13	9.17	8.90
LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA												
Manufacturing	318.00	330.76	306.71	39.9	41.5	41.9	7.97	7.97	7.32	7.40	7.19	6.78

Female Labor Force in Maine

in Thousands

ITEM	This Month 1/	Last Month 1/	Year Ago 2/
Labor Force	269.3	260.3	267.5
Unemployed	11.4	10.1	13.8
(Percent)	4.2%	3.9%	5.2%
Resident Employed	257.9	250.2	253.7

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec.
(1982-1984 = 100) All Items (CPI-U)	118.0	117.5	113.5	115.4

Percent Change for Past Month	+0.4%
Percent Change from Last December	+2.3%
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+4.0%

1/ Preliminary estimates 2/ Revised

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

in Thousands

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE-Statewide	607.1	587.8	603.8	584.9	565.3	578.9	22.2	22.5	24.9	3.7	3.8	4.1
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor MSA	41,800	40,900	42,300	40,600	39,800	40,700	1,200	1,100	1,600	2.9	2.7	3.8
Lewiston-Auburn MSA	42,100	41,000	42,400	40,200	39,400	40,100	1,900	1,600	2,300	4.5	3.9	5.4
Portland MSA	126,500	123,700	126,600	123,900	121,100	123,800	2,600	2,600	2,800	2.1	2.1	2.2
Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA 3/	n/a	134,200	134,700	n/a	132,200	131,600	n/a	2,000	3,100	n/a	1.5	2.3
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	34,380	33,420	34,610	33,250	32,380	33,080	1,130	1,040	1,530	3.3	3.1	4.4
Bath-Brunswick	29,560	28,940	28,850	28,890	28,210	27,530	670	730	1,320	2.3	2.5	4.6
Belfast	12,060	11,530	12,180	11,000	10,560	11,580	1,060	970	600	8.8	8.4	4.9
Biddeford	28,710	27,830	28,150	28,070	27,160	27,220	640	670	930	2.2	2.4	3.3
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	16,760	14,690	16,080	16,410	14,370	15,640	350	320	440	2.1	2.2	2.7
Calais-Eastport	14,830	14,680	14,380	13,510	12,980	12,970	1,320	1,700	1,410	8.9	11.6	9.8
Caribou-Presque Isle	21,910	21,550	22,440	20,240	20,070	20,080	1,670	1,480	2,360	7.6	6.9	10.5
Central Penobscot	2,840	2,750	2,740	2,740	2,640	2,590	100	110	150	3.5	4.0	5.5
Dover-Foxcroft	7,010	6,740	7,060	6,660	6,470	6,700	350	270	360	5.0	4.0	5.1
Ellsworth	25,020	23,050	24,890	24,250	21,800	24,030	770	1,250	860	3.1	5.4	3.5
Farmington	12,210	12,170	12,270	11,570	11,500	11,680	640	670	590	5.2	5.5	4.8
Fort Kent-Allagash	4,700	4,760	5,150	4,330	4,080	4,550	370	680	600	7.9	14.3	11.7
Greenville	1,330	1,190	1,350	1,290	1,100	1,310	40	90	40	3.0	7.6	3.0
Houlton	6,310	6,220	6,470	6,000	5,800	6,100	310	420	370	4.9	6.8	5.7
Kittery-York 3/	30,460	29,670	30,310	30,170	29,400	29,970	290	270	340	1.0	0.9	1.1
Lincoln-Howland	5,710	5,510	5,730	5,340	5,210	5,420	370	300	310	6.5	5.4	5.4
Livermore Falls	4,400	4,220	4,730	4,100	4,000	4,500	300	220	230	6.8	5.2	4.9
Madawaska-Van Buren	3,960	3,940	3,900	3,680	3,530	3,580	280	410	320	7.1	10.4	8.2
Millinocket-East Millinocket	4,080	3,890	4,260	3,770	3,710	4,060	310	180	200	7.6	4.6	4.7
Norway-Paris	13,070	12,300	12,610	12,600	11,910	12,050	470	390	560	3.6	3.2	4.4
Patten-Island Falls	2,500	2,450	2,440	2,360	2,180	2,310	140	270	130	5.6	11.0	5.3
Rockland	19,400	18,600	19,140	18,930	17,880	18,580	470	720	560	2.4	3.9	2.9
Rumford	8,560	8,290	8,620	7,890	7,660	8,100	670	630	520	7.8	7.6	6.0
Sanford	16,910	16,470	16,120	16,380	15,960	15,630	530	510	490	3.1	3.1	3.0
Sebago Lakes Region	12,120	11,360	12,220	11,750	11,030	11,880	370	330	340	3.1	2.9	2.8
Skowhegan	23,470	22,210	23,610	22,080	20,920	22,330	1,390	1,290	1,280	5.9	5.8	5.4
Southwest Penobscot	10,510	10,220	10,740	10,020	9,760	10,180	490	460	560	4.7	4.5	5.2
Waterville	24,020	23,520	21,520	23,020	22,720	20,680	1,000	800	840	4.2	3.4	3.9
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	n/a	1,723.8	1,776.6	n/a	1,681.6	1,718.6	n/a	42.2	58.0	n/a	2.4	3.3
Massachusetts	3,217.0	3,106.0	3,147.8	3,106.0	3,022.0	3,050.5	110.0	84.0	97.3	3.4	2.7	3.1
New Hampshire	n/a	598.9	600.4	n/a	586.5	584.6	n/a	12.4	15.8	n/a	2.1	2.6
Rhode Island	527.4	524.7	525.3	511.1	510.3	505.1	16.3	14.4	20.2	3.1	2.7	3.8
Vermont	299.9	295.1	300.1	292.3	287.2	290.2	7.6	7.9	9.9	2.5	2.7	3.3
NEW ENGLAND STATES	n/a	6,836.3	6,954.0	n/a	6,652.9	6,727.9	n/a	183.4	226.1	n/a	2.7	3.3
UNITED STATES 4/	123,028	120,775	121,153	116,209	114,222	113,498	6,819	6,553	7,655	5.5	5.4	6.3

MSA-Metropolitan Statistical Area

Note

n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.
Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding.

Footnotes

1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data adjusted to place of residence basis. Excludes members of the Armed Forces.

2/ Current and last month figures preliminary; year ago figures revised.

3/ Kittery-York is the eight-town Maine portion of the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA which includes towns in both Maine and New Hampshire.

4/ National estimates based on a sample of household visits; state estimates based on enlargements of employment figures reported.

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Mid-Month Insured Unemployment (Less Partials)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued-Week Claimants	4,693	6,311	6,082	530	649	654	464	515	712
Insured Unemployment Rate *	0.9	1.3	1.2	0.5	0.6	0.6	1.2	1.4	1.9

* Should not be confused with insured unemployment rates as defined in the Employment Security Law.

Maine Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work

In Thousands

ITEM	1988 2nd Quarter	Previous Quarter	Year Ago	Net Change to Current Quarter From Previous Quarter	Net Change to Current Quarter From Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment	522.8	505.9	499.0	+16.9	+23.8
Total Manufacturing	106.4	106.0	102.5	+0.4	+3.9
Durable Goods	49.6	49.7	45.9	-0.1	+3.7
Lumber and Wood Products	12.1	13.5	12.7	-1.4	-0.6
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.5	3.5	3.5	0.0	0.0
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	4.7	4.6	4.2	+0.1	+0.5
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	11.8	11.5	10.2	+0.3	+1.6
Transportation Equipment	12.5	11.9	10.8	+0.6	+1.7
Other Durable Goods	5.0	4.7	4.5	+0.3	+0.5
Nondurable Goods	56.8	56.3	56.6	+0.5	+0.2
Food and Kindred Products	7.3	7.3	7.5	0.0	-0.2
Textile Mill Products	6.7	6.8	6.8	-0.1	-0.1
Apparel and Other Textile Products	3.1	3.1	3.2	0.0	-0.1
Paper and Allied Products	17.3	17.0	17.0	+0.3	+0.3
Printing and Publishing	5.5	5.4	5.3	+0.1	+0.2
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	3.8	3.7	3.6	+0.1	+0.2
Leather and Leather Products	11.9	12.0	12.0	-0.1	-0.1
Footwear (except Rubber)	10.0	10.0	10.0	0.0	0.0
Other Nondurable Goods	1.2	1.0	1.2	+0.2	0.0
Total Nonmanufacturing	416.4	399.9	396.5	+16.5	+19.9
Construction and Mining	34.3	28.6	31.6	+5.7	+2.7
Building Construction	12.3	11.1	11.7	+1.2	+0.6
Special Trades Contractor	15.9	13.3	14.4	+2.6	+1.5
Transportation and Public Utilities	21.0	20.2	20.5	+0.8	+0.5
Wholesale Trade	24.9	24.5	23.7	+0.4	+1.2
Retail Trade	106.4	101.1	99.2	+5.3	+7.2
Food Stores	20.0	19.6	18.8	+0.4	+1.2
Eating and Drinking Places	34.8	29.1	31.1	+5.7	+3.7
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	25.4	25.0	24.8	+0.4	+0.6
Banking	9.1	8.8	8.6	+0.3	+0.5
Insurance Carriers, Brokers and Agents	10.0	10.1	10.0	-0.1	0.0
Services	113.2	108.9	107.1	+4.3	+6.1
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	8.8	6.0	8.6	+2.8	+0.2
Business Services	12.0	11.3	11.7	+0.7	+0.3
Health Services	42.5	42.3	40.3	+0.2	+2.2
Federal Government	18.5	18.4	18.3	+0.1	+0.2
State and Local Government	72.7	73.2	71.3	-0.5	+1.4
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	1.6	1.6	0.0	0.0	+1.6

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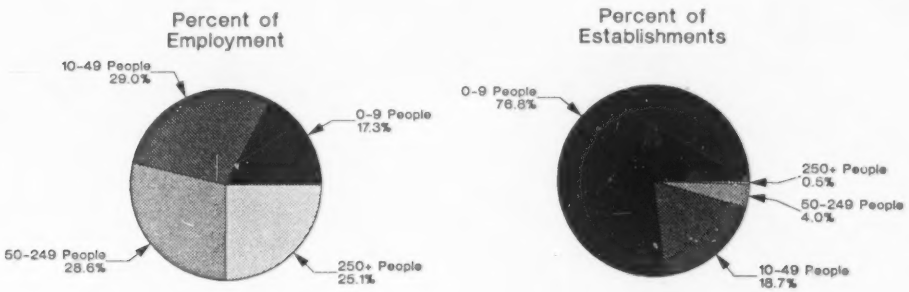
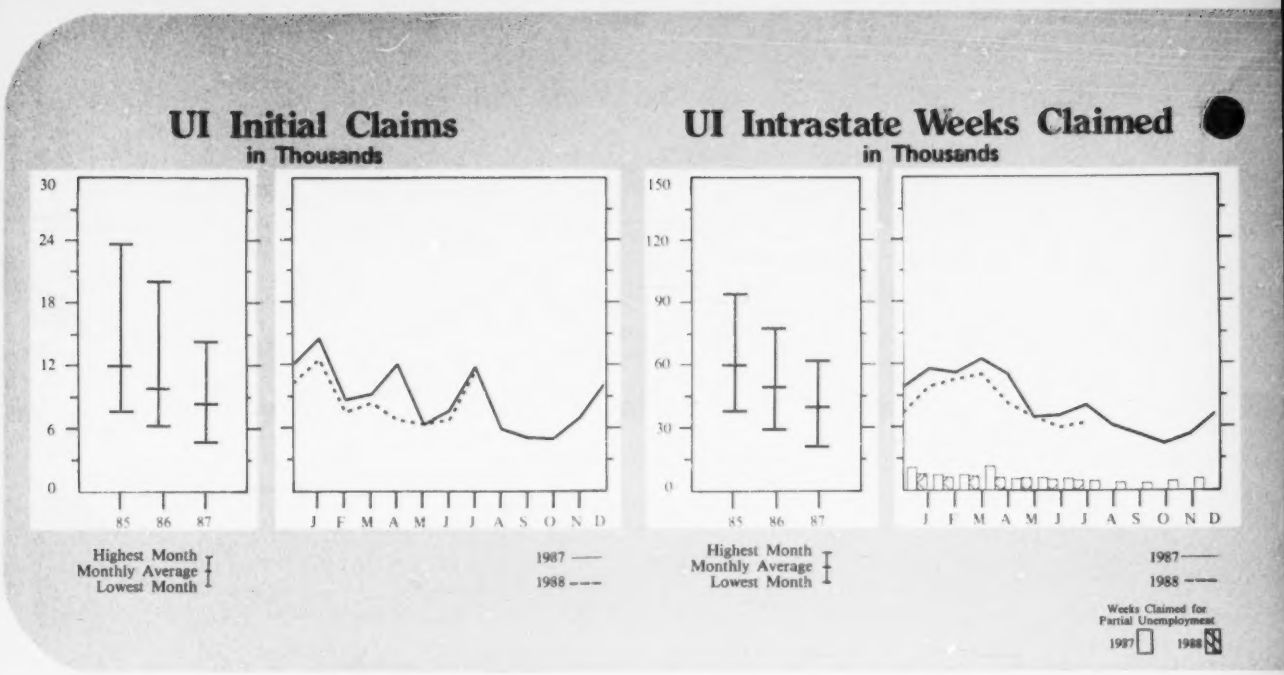
WHERE THE JOBS ARE

Distribution of Establishments and Employment by Size Groups
March 1987



Although 76.8 percent of all businesses in Maine have fewer than 10 employees, these companies provide only 17.3 percent of all jobs in the state. On the other hand, the largest businesses–those with more than 250 employees–represent only 0.5 percent of all businesses but supply 25.1 percent of all jobs.

This data and more may be obtained from the Maine Employment and Earnings Statistical Handbook. See related announcement on page 2.



MAINE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR RELEASES 1987 ECONOMIC HANDBOOK

Commissioner of the Maine Department of Labor, John Fitzsimmons, recently announced the release of *The Maine Employment and Earnings Statistical Handbook - 1987,* which contains detailed employment, earnings, and labor force data, and is produced annually by the Division of Economic Analysis and Research.

"The 1987 report is an excellent reference source for businesses, researchers, labor organizations, planners, and consultants," said Fitzsimmons, who described the publication as "a compilation of labor statistics in Maine and a must for analyzing and measuring economic conditions throughout the State."

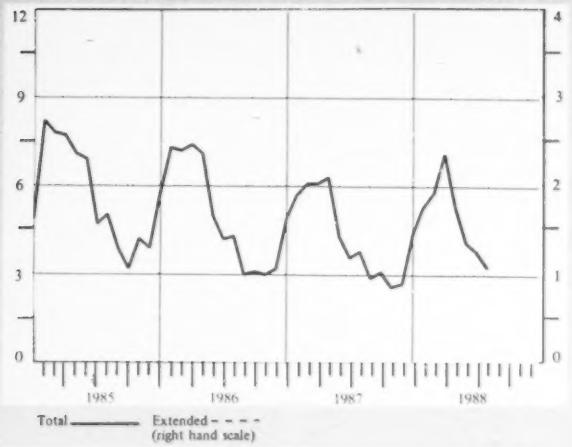
The handbook, now in its seventh year of publication, provides comprehensive monthly labor statistics for the State, counties, and labor market areas; employment figures by detailed industrial breakout; hours and earnings by industry for the State and major labor market areas; key Unemployment Insurance and Job Service program statistics, including claims, payments, and tax rates; as well as definitions of labor market and industrial terms.

The *1987 Handbook* is available at $5.00 per copy and may be obtained by contacting the Maine Department of Labor, Bureau of Employment Security, Division of Economic Analysis and Research, 20 Union Street, Augusta, Maine 04330, telephone (207) 289-2271.

Selected Employment Security Activities

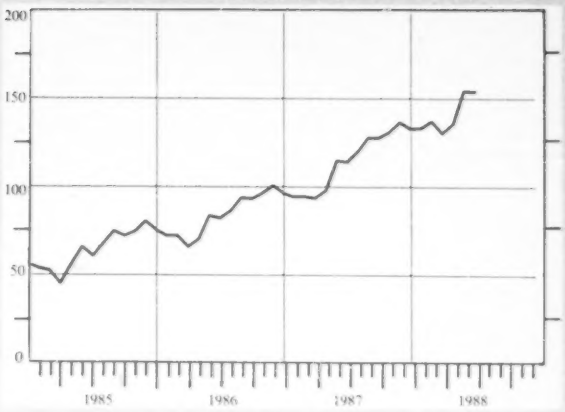
UI Benefit Payments
In Millions

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance in Millions

(End of Month)



Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work

in Thousands

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND MSA This Month	PORTLAND MSA Last Month	PORTLAND MSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 1/	530.1	534.7	506.3	129.0	128.7	124.7	40.0	41.3	39.0
Total Manufacturing	103.1	108.6	99.2	16.7	16.4	15.4	9.9	10.5	10.3
Durable Goods	50.9	51.0	46.8	8.4	8.1	7.1	2.8	2.9	2.7
Lumber and Wood Products	13.4	13.1	14.1	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.5	0.5	0.3
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.5	3.5	3.4	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.8	0.8	0.6
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	4.8	4.8	4.2	2.3	2.2	2.2	0.2	0.2	0.3
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	11.7	11.9	9.8	3.4	3.4	3.0	0.8	0.8	0.7
Transportation Equipment 2/	12.6	12.6	10.7	(d)	(d)	(d)	0.2	0.2	0.2
Other Durable Goods 3/	4.9	5.1	4.6	1.4	1.2	0.6	0.3	0.4	0.3
Nondurable Goods	52.2	57.6	52.4	8.3	8.3	8.3	7.1	7.6	7.6
Food and Kindred Products	7.3	7.5	7.5	1.9	2.0	2.1	1.0	0.9	0.9
Textile Mill Products	4.8	6.6	5.1	(d)	(d)	(d)	1.0	1.2	1.2
Apparel and Other Textile Products	2.6	3.1	2.9	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1
Paper and Allied Products	17.5	17.7	16.0	(d)	(d)	(d)	0.5	0.6	0.5
Printing and Publishing	5.4	5.5	5.3	1.6	1.6	1.7	0.6	0.7	0.6
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	3.7	3.9	3.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	1.9	1.9	1.8
Leather and Leather Products	9.6	12.0	11.1	1.4	1.4	1.6	2.0	2.2	2.3
Footwear (except Rubber)	8.1	10.1	9.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.6	1.8	1.9
Other Nondurable Goods 4/	1.3	1.3	1.3	3.0	2.9	2.5	*	*	0.1
Total Nonmanufacturing	427.0	426.1	407.1	112.3	112.3	109.3	30.1	30.8	28.7
Construction and Mining	38.0	36.7	34.3	10.2	10.0	9.9	2.6	2.4	2.4
Building Construction	13.7	13.1	12.9	3.0	2.8	2.9	0.7	0.7	0.5
Special Trades Contractor	17.0	16.7	15.4	5.4	5.3	5.0	1.7	1.6	1.7
Transportation and Public Utilities	21.7	21.5	20.7	5.9	6.0	6.1	1.5	1.5	1.4
Wholesale Trade	25.4	25.1	24.5	10.1	10.1	9.7	2.1	2.1	2.0
Retail Trade	111.6	110.1	106.3	27.9	27.3	27.4	8.0	8.0	7.7
Food Stores	20.4	20.6	19.6	4.7	4.6	4.4	1.4	1.4	1.4
Eating and Drinking Places	39.4	37.4	35.8	9.2	8.6	8.9	2.5	2.5	2.3
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	25.7	25.6	25.5	12.9	12.8	12.6	2.5	2.5	2.2
Banking	9.3	9.3	8.8	3.2	3.2	3.0	0.9	0.9	0.9
Insurance Carriers, Brokers and Agents	9.9	9.9	10.3	6.1	6.1	5.5	0.7	0.7	0.6
Services	123.7	116.9	116.3	31.3	31.2	29.6	10.0	10.4	9.6
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	14.9	10.8	14.2	2.8	2.6	2.4	0.5	0.4	0.5
Business Services	12.5	12.4	12.1	5.5	5.3	5.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Health Services	43.0	43.0	40.0	10.3	10.3	9.9	4.3	4.3	4.2
Federal Government	18.6	18.6	18.6	2.1	2.0	2.0	0.3	0.3	0.3
State and Local Government 5/	62.3	71.6	60.9	11.9	12.9	12.0	3.1	3.6	3.1
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	1.2	1.6	1.2	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/ Employment figures relate to full- and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/ Transportation equipment and instruments are combined in the Lewiston series. 3/ Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 38, 39; Portland - 25, 32, 37, 38, 39; Lewiston - 25, 32, 39. 4/ Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 28, 29; Portland - 22, 26, 28, 29; Lewiston - 28, 29. 5/ Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. *Less than 50. (d) Nondisclosure item.

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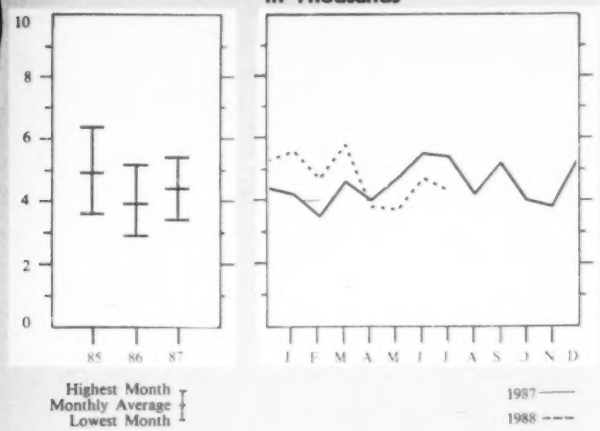
New Applications For Work

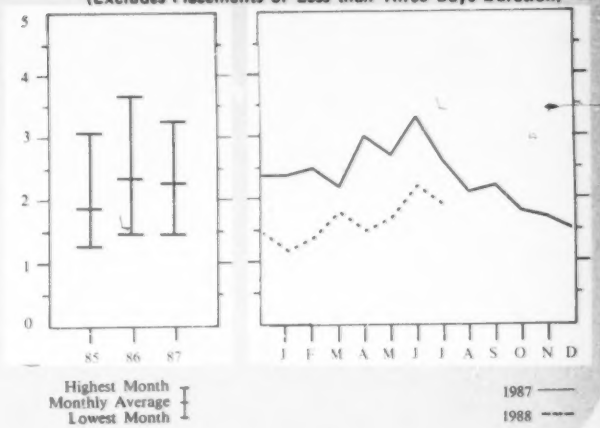
in Thousands



Nonfarm Placements

in Thousands

(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1987	1986	1985
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$371.99	$363.01	$359.04	39.7	40.2	40.8	$9.37	$9.03	$8.80	$8.77	$8.65	$8.40
Durable Goods	349.34	343.17	344.03	40.2	41.0	41.4	8.69	8.37	8.31	8.32	8.52	8.46
Lumber and Wood Products	360.30	328.78	329.01	39.9	39.9	41.7	9.03	8.24	7.89	7.82	7.74	8.06
Primary and Fabricated Metals	362.15	392.03	356.45	41.2	43.9	39.3	8.79	8.93	9.07	8.94	8.58	8.25
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	416.07	432.31	358.78	48.1	50.8	39.6	8.65	8.51	9.06	9.20	9.62	9.11
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	318.42	334.84	320.66	36.6	39.3	39.2	8.70	8.52	8.18	8.03	7.94	7.57
Other Durable Goods	342.31	329.64	368.03	40.8	40.2	43.4	8.39	8.20	8.48	8.60	9.41	9.50
Nondurable Goods	394.74	379.64	373.18	39.2	39.3	40.3	10.07	9.66	9.26	9.18	8.76	8.31
Food and Kindred Products	298.75	279.37	274.06	38.9	37.2	38.6	7.68	7.51	7.10	7.16	7.00	6.63
Textile Mill Products	287.52	292.30	281.25	37.3	39.5	37.5	7.71	7.40	7.50	7.35	7.04	6.64
Apparel and Other Textile Products	196.48	215.34	200.33	32.0	34.4	34.6	6.14	6.26	5.79	5.92	5.73	5.83
Paper and Allied Products	619.92	615.47	607.90	43.2	43.1	44.6	14.35	14.28	13.63	13.43	12.70	12.25
Leather and Leather Products	247.96	244.49	237.88	37.4	37.1	38.0	6.63	6.59	6.26	6.34	6.05	5.93
Other Nondurable Goods	320.53	329.72	332.88	36.8	38.7	41.3	8.71	8.52	8.06	8.28	8.00	7.51
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing	388.40	386.04	353.99	40.5	41.2	38.9	9.59	9.37	9.10	9.13	9.17	8.90
LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA												
Manufacturing	291.90	318.00	293.53	35.0	39.9	40.1	8.34	7.97	7.32	7.40	7.19	6.78

Female Labor Force in Maine

in Thousands

ITEM	This Month 1/	Last Month 1/	Year Ago 2/
Labor Force	272.6	269.3	269.6
Unemployed	15.7	11.4	19.0
(Percent)	5.8%	4.2.%	7.0%
Resident Employed	256.9	257.9	250.6

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec.
(1982-1984 = 100) All Items (CPI-U)	118.5	118.0	113.8	115.4

Percent Change for Past Month	+0.4%
Percent Change from Last December	+2.7%
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+4.1%

1/ Preliminary estimates 2/ Revised

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Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

in Thousands

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE-Statewide	612.7	607.1	614.6	583.6	584.9	581.5	29.1	22.2	33.1	4.7	3.7	5.4
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor MSA	42,100	41,800	43,500	40,300	40,600	41,600	1,800	1,200	1,900	4.3	2.9	4.4
Lewiston-Auburn MSA	42,400	42,100	42,700	38,800	40,200	39,600	3,600	1,900	3,100	8.5	4.5	7.3
Portland MSA	127,400	126,500	128,900	124,800	123,900	125,200	2,600	2,600	3,700	2.0	2.1	2.9
Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA 3/	n/a	137,100	135,700	n/a	135,100	132,100	n/a	2,000	3,600	n/a	1.5	2.7
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	34,600	34,380	35,520	33,230	33,250	33,140	1,370	1,130	2,380	4.0	3.3	6.7
Bath-Brunswick	29,390	29,560	29,600	28,750	28,890	27,840	640	670	1,760	2.2	2.3	5.9
Belfast	11,880	12,060	12,540	10,750	11,000	11,640	1,130	1,060	900	9.5	8.8	7.2
Biddeford	30,400	28,710	28,150	28,270	28,070	27,020	2,130	640	1,130	7.0	2.2	4.0
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	17,260	16,760	17,730	16,990	16,410	17,110	270	350	620	1.6	2.1	3.5
Calais-Eastport	15,070	14,830	15,140	13,780	13,510	13,680	1,290	1,320	1,460	8.6	8.9	9.6
Caribou-Presque Isle	21,560	21,910	21,770	19,970	20,240	19,600	1,590	1,670	2,170	7.4	7.6	10.0
Central Penobscot	2,790	2,840	2,660	2,650	2,740	2,490	140	100	170	5.0	3.5	6.4
Dover-Foxcroft	7,010	7,010	6,870	6,380	6,660	6,470	630	350	400	9.0	5.0	5.8
Ellsworth	26,350	25,020	26,440	25,590	24,250	25,610	760	770	830	2.9	3.1	3.1
Farmington	12,700	12,210	11,870	11,590	11,570	10,790	1,110	640	1,080	8.7	5.2	9.1
Fort Kent-Allagash	4,960	4,700	5,320	4,750	4,330	4,860	210	370	460	4.2	7.9	8.6
Greenville	1,500	1,330	1,510	1,470	1,290	1,480	30	40	30	2.0	3.0	2.0
Houlton	6,060	6,310	6,620	5,680	6,000	5,940	380	310	680	6.3	4.9	10.3
Kittery-York 3/	30,240	30,460	30,580	29,950	30,170	30,190	290	290	390	1.0	1.0	1.3
Lincoln-Howland	5,760	5,710	5,730	5,240	5,340	5,330	520	370	400	9.0	6.5	7.0
Livermore Falls	4,290	4,400	4,590	3,860	4,100	4,310	430	300	280	10.0	6.8	6.1
Madawaska-Van Buren	4,080	3,960	3,960	3,770	3,680	3,550	310	380	410	7.6	7.1	10.4
Millinocket-East Millinocket	3,880	4,080	4,240	3,680	3,770	4,040	200	310	200	5.2	7.6	4.7
Norway-Paris	13,120	13,070	13,310	12,580	12,600	12,180	540	470	1,130	4.1	3.6	8.5
Patten-Island Falls	2,410	2,500	2,490	2,330	2,360	2,350	80	140	140	3.3	5.6	5.6
Rockland	19,300	19,400	19,280	18,820	18,930	18,780	480	470	500	2.5	2.4	2.6
Rumford	8,410	8,560	8,600	7,790	7,890	7,870	620	670	730	7.4	7.8	8.5
Sanford	17,750	16,910	15,450	16,380	16,380	14,850	1,370	530	600	7.7	3.1	3.9
Sebago Lakes Region	13,500	12,120	14,000	13,190	11,750	13,490	310	370	510	2.3	3.1	3.6
Skowhegan	22,550	23,470	23,390	20,480	22,080	20,510	2,070	1,390	2,880	9.2	5.9	12.3
Southwest Penobscot	10,370	10,510	9,720	9,060	10,020	9,100	1,310	490	620	12.6	4.7	6.4
Waterville	23,560	24,020	24,490*	22,680	23,020	22,900*	880	1,000	1,590*	3.7	4.2	6.5*
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	n/a	1,761.9	1,752.5	n/a	1,708.9	1,694.1	n/a	53.0	58.4	n/a	3.0	3.3
Massachusetts	3,200.0	3,217.0	3,143.0	3,085.0	3,106.0	3,062.8	116.0	110.0	80.2	3.6	3.4	2.6
New Hampshire	n/a	609.2	604.0	n/a	597.1	587.2	n/a	12.1	16.8	n/a	2.0	2.8
Rhode Island	519.3	527.4	521.7	502.2	511.1	499.2	17.1	16.3	22.5	3.3	3.1	4.3
Vermont	300.0	299.9	300.9	293.1	292.3	291.3	7.0	7.6	9.6	2.3	2.5	3.2
NEW ENGLAND STATES	n/a	7,021.5	6,936.7	n/a	6,800.3	6,716.1	n/a	221.2	220.6	n/a	3.2	3.2
UNITED STATES 4/	123,888	123,028	122,105	117,066	116,209	114,652	6,823	6,819	7,453	5.5	5.5	6.1

* July 1987 estimate is updated. Final 1987 estimates for all areas will be available in February 1989.

MSA-Metropolitan Statistical Area

NOTE: n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing. Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding.

Footnotes

1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data adjusted to place of residence basis. Excludes members of the Armed Forces.

2/ Current and last month figures preliminary; year ago figures revised.

3/ Kittery-York is the eight-town Maine portion of the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA which includes towns in both Maine and New Hampshire.

4/ National estimates based on a sample of household visits; state estimates based on enlargements of employment figures reported.

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Mid-Month Insured Unemployment (Less Partials)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued-Week Claimants	8,703	4,693	7,844	631	530	756	1,283	464	915
Insured Unemployment Rate *	1.7	0.9	1.6	0.5	0.5	0.7	3.4	1.2	2.5

* Should not be confused with insured unemployment rates as defined in the Employment Security Law.

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Selected Characteristics Of Unemployment Insurance Claimants

REGULAR PROGRAM

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY OCCUPATION

CATEGORY	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Professional, Technical, and Managerial	11.6	11.2	11.1
Clerical and Sales	16.2	16.9	18.8
Service	9.4	9.6	9.9
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, and Related	1.4	2.6	1.4
Processing	8.0	7.3	6.4
Machine Trades	11.5	9.8	10.6
Benchwork	11.9	9.8	13.3
Structural Work	14.4	17.3	14.0
Miscellaneous	15.6	15.5	14.5

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE

CATEGORY	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Total under 40	52.5	55.0	54.4
Under 22	4.4	3.8	4.7
22-24	6.0	6.4	8.2
25-34	29.1	30.5	29.2
35-39	13.0	14.3	12.3
Total 40 and Over	47.5	45.0	45.6
40-44	11.6	11.1	11.7
45-54	18.0	17.5	17.1
55-64	12.4	13.2	11.6
65 and Over	5.5	3.2	5.2

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COASTAL COUNTIES LEAD POPULATION GROWTH IN MAINE

The U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census recently released population data for 1987 which indicate that Maine's population is increasing, but with significant variations by county. Coastal counties accounted for almost 90 percent of the statewide population increase between 1980 and 1987. In fact, 66 percent of the increase in statewide population between 1980 and 1987 was accounted for by York and Cumberland counties. Out of a total statewide gain of 62,000, these two southern, coastal counties accounted for 40,000.

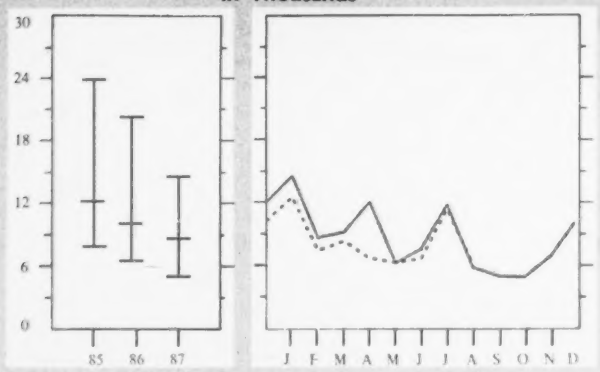
Of the 16 counties, population growth rates above the statewide average of 5.5 percent were recorded by seven counties including Cumberland, Hancock, Knox, Lincoln, Sagadahoc, Waldo, and York. Inmigration, more people moving into the county than moving out, contributed significantly to the population growth of these coastal counties. A listing of counties rank ordered by the percent of population gain due to inmigration shows that the coastal counties, with the exception of Washington County, owe much of their relatively strong population gains to inmigration. *See related table on page 2*

Area	Rate of Population Growth 1980-1987	Inmigration as Percent of Population Growth
Maine	5.5 %	32 %
Lincoln	12.1	81
York	16.7	74
Knox	6.7	68
Hancock	7.2	63
Cumberland	8.1	52
Waldo	8.0	48
Sagadahoc	10.8	35
Piscataquis	3.5	33
Oxford	3.2	31
Somerset	4.0	17
Kennebec	3.5	5
Franklin	4.3	0
Washington	-1.9	**
Androscoggin	1.6	**
Penobscot	1.8	**
Aroostook	-5.4	**

** County experiencing an outmigration. More people moved out of the county than moved in.

UI Initial Claims

in Thousands



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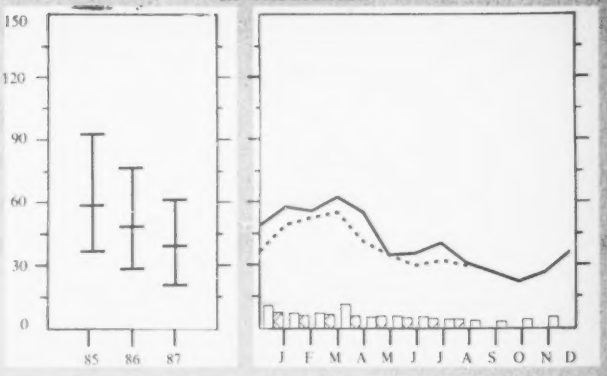


Population Estimates and Components of Change for Maine and Maine Counties, 1980-1987

AREA	July 1, 1987 Population Estimate	April 1, 1980 (Census) Population	Change 1980 to 1987 Number	Percent	Births	Deaths	Net Migration
Maine	1,187,000	1,125,043	62,000	5.5%	121,000	79,000	20,000
Androscoggin	101,100	99,509	1,600	1.6	10,700	7,000	-2,200
Aroostook	86,400	91,344	-4,900	-5.4	9,800	5,500	-9,200
Cumberland	233,200	215,789	17,400	8.1	23,600	15,200	9,000
Franklin	28,600	27,447	1,200	4.3	2,900	1,700	0
Hancock	44,800	41,781	3,000	7.2	4,500	3,400	1,900
Kennebec	113,700	109,889	3,800	3.5	11,200	7,600	200
Knox	35,200	32,941	2,200	6.7	3,500	2,800	1,500
Lincoln	28,800	25,691	3,100	12.1	2,800	2,200	2,500
Oxford	50,600	49,043	1,600	3.2	4,900	3,900	500
Penobscot	139,500	137,015	2,500	1.8	13,800	8,300	-3,000
Piscataquis	18,300	17,634	600	3.5	1,800	1,400	200
Sagadahoc	31,900	28,795	3,100	10.8	3,800	1,800	1,100
Somerset	46,900	45,049	1,800	4.0	4,800	3,400	300
Waldo	30,700	28,414	2,300	8.0	3,300	2,100	1,100
Washington	34,300	34,963	-700	-1.9	3,500	2,800	-1,400
York	163,100	139,739	23,400	16.7	15,600	9,600	17,300

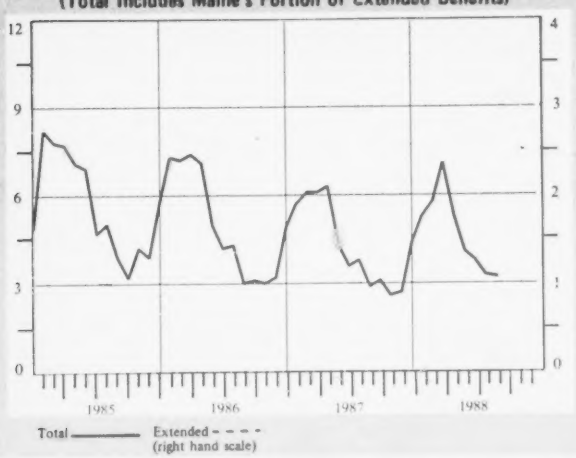
Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census

Selected Employment Security Activities

UI Benefit Payments

In Millions

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



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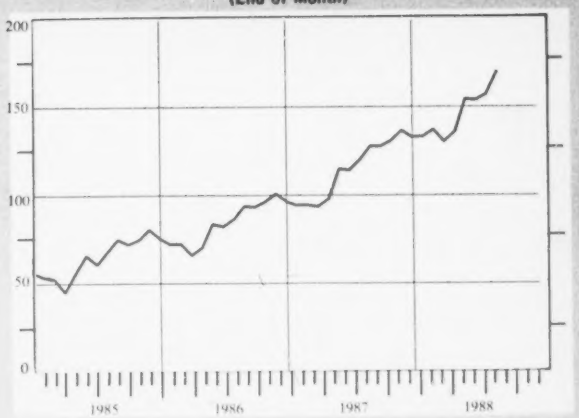
(End of Month)



Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work

in Thousands

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND MSA This Month	PORTLAND MSA Last Month	PORTLAND MSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 1/	538.4	530.1	514.9	129.9	129.0	125.9	40.4	40.0	39.0
Total Manufacturing	110.9	103.1	105.5	16.9	16.7	15.9	10.5	9.9	10.4
Durable Goods	51.9	50.9	47.8	8.5	8.4	7.4	2.9	2.8	2.8
Lumber and Wood Products	13.8	13.4	14.4	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.5	0.5	0.3
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.5	3.5	3.4	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.8	0.8	0.8
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	4.9	4.8	4.4	2.2	2.3	2.3	0.3	0.2	0.3
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	12.1	11.7	10.1	3.5	3.4	3.2	0.8	0.8	0.7
Transportation Equipment 2/	12.6	12.6	10.7	(d)	(d)	(d)	0.2	0.2	0.2
Other Durable Goods 3	5.0	4.9	4.8	1.5	1.4	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.5
Nondurable Goods	59.0	52.2	57.7	8.4	8.3	8.5	7.6	7.1	7.6
Food and Kindred Products	9.2	7.3	9.2	1.9	1.9	2.1	1.0	1.0	0.9
Textile Mill Products	6.3	4.8	6.6	(d)	(d)	(d)	1.2	1.0	1.2
Apparel and Other Textile Products	3.2	2.6	3.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1
Paper and Allied Products	17.6	17.5	16.4	(d)	(d)	(d)	0.5	0.5	0.5
Printing and Publishing	5.4	5.4	5.3	1.6	1.6	1.7	0.6	0.6	0.6
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	3.7	3.7	3.6	0.3	0.2	0.2	1.9	1.9	1.8
Leather and Leather Products	12.3	9.6	12.2	1.4	1.4	1.6	2.3	2.0	2.4
Footwear (except Rubber)	10.4	8.1	10.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.9	1.6	2.0
Other Nondurable Goods 4	1.3	1.3	1.3	3.0	3.0	2.7	*	*	0.1
Total Nonmanufacturing	427.5	427.0	409.4	113.0	112.3	110.0	29.9	30.1	28.6
Construction and Mining	38.3	38.0	34.8	10.1	10.2	10.0	2.6	2.6	2.5
Building Construction	13.8	13.7	13.2	3.0	3.0	2.9	0.7	0.7	0.6
Special Trades Contractor	17.1	17.0	15.4	5.3	5.4	5.0	1.7	1.7	1.8
Transportation and Public Utilities	21.7	21.7	20.9	5.9	5.9	6.1	1.5	1.5	1.4
Wholesale Trade	25.4	25.4	24.7	10.2	10.1	9.7	2.1	2.1	2.0
Retail Trade	111.9	111.6	107.0	28.6	27.9	27.8	8.0	8.0	7.6
Food Stores	20.5	20.4	19.7	4.7	4.7	4.5	1.4	1.4	1.4
Eating and Drinking Places	39.4	39.4	36.0	9.2	9.2	8.9	2.5	2.5	2.3
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	25.6	25.7	25.6	13.0	12.9	12.7	2.4	2.5	2.2
Banking	9.3	9.3	8.8	3.2	3.2	3.0	0.9	0.9	0.9
Insurance Carriers, Brokers and Agents	9.9	9.9	10.4	6.2	6.1	5.6	0.6	0.7	0.6
Services	124.4	123.7	117.6	31.2	31.3	29.9	10.0	10.0	9.6
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	15.7	14.9	14.3	2.8	2.8	2.4	0.6	0.5	0.5
Business Services	12.4	12.5	12.1	5.4	5.5	4.9	1.0	1.0	0.9
Health Services	42.7	43.0	40.2	10.3	10.3	9.9	4.2	4.3	4.1
Federal Government	18.5	18.6	18.6	2.1	2.1	1.9	0.3	0.3	0.3
State and Local Government 5/	61.7	62.3	60.2	11.9	11.9	11.9	3.0	3.1	3.0
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	1.2	1.2	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/ Employment figures relate to full- and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/ Transportation equipment and instruments are combined in the Lewiston series. 3/ Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 38, 39; Portland - 25, 32, 37, 38, 39; Lewiston - 25, 32, 39. 4/ Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 28, 29; Portland - 22, 26, 28, 29; Lewiston - 28, 29. 5/ Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. *Less than 50. (d) Nondisclosure item.

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New Applications For Work

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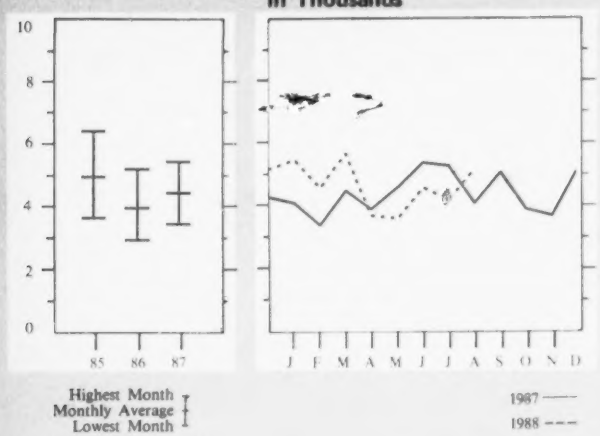
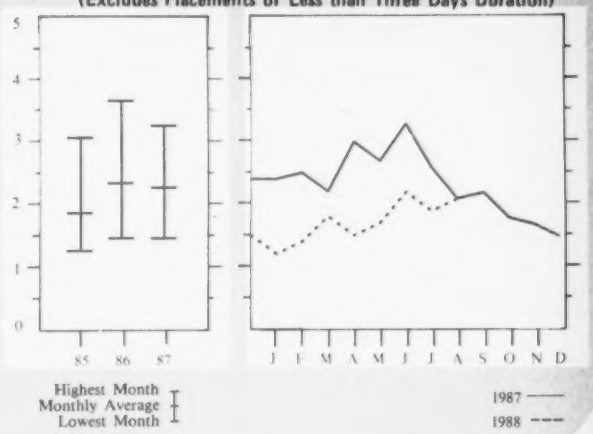


Nonfarm Placements

in Thousands

(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1987	1986	1985
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$357.90	$371.99	$360.71	39.9	39.7	41.7	$8.97	$9.37	$8.65	$8.77	$8.65	$8.40
Durable Goods	339.16	349.34	357.79	39.3	40.2	42.9	8.63	8.69	8.34	8.32	8.52	8.46
Lumber and Wood Products	352.22	360.30	340.47	40.3	39.9	42.4	8.74	9.03	8.03	7.82	7.74	8.06
Primary and Fabricated Metals	390.10	362.15	396.52	43.2	41.2	43.1	9.03	8.79	9.20	8.94	8.58	8.25
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	421.15	416.07	382.81	49.2	48.1	43.6	8.56	8.65	8.78	9.20	9.62	9.11
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	310.63	318.42	331.89	35.5	36.6	41.8	8.75	8.70	7.94	8.03	7.94	7.57
Other Durable Goods	318.06	342.31	376.66	38.0	40.8	43.9	8.37	8.39	8.58	8.60	9.41	9.50
Nondurable Goods	374.51	394.74	362.56	40.4	39.2	40.6	9.27	10.07	8.93	9.18	8.76	8.31
Food and Kindred Products	287.91	298.75	251.36	43.1	38.9	38.2	6.68	7.68	6.58	7.16	7.00	6.63
Textile Mill Products	312.44	287.58	290.49	39.7	37.3	37.1	7.87	7.71	7.83	7.35	7.04	6.64
Apparel and Other Textile Products	244.48	196.48	231.84	38.5	32.0	38.9	6.34	6.14	5.96	5.92	5.73	5.83
Paper and Allied Products	607.20	619.92	600.50	44.0	43.2	45.7	13.80	14.35	13.14	13.43	12.70	12.25
Leather and Leather Products	240.78	247.96	244.58	37.1	37.4	38.7	6.49	6.63	6.32	6.34	6.05	5.93
Other Nondurable Goods	315.62	320.53	329.22	36.7	36.8	40.1	8.60	8.71	8.21	8.28	8.00	7.51
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing	385.70	388.40	362.20	40.6	40.5	41.3	9.50	9.59	8.77	9.13	9.17	8.90
LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA												
Manufacturing	308.84	291.90	292.25	37.3	35.0	39.6	8.28	8.34	7.38	7.40	7.19	6.78

Female Labor Force in Maine

in Thousands

ITEM	This Month 1/	Last Month 1/	Year Ago 2/
Labor Force	271.4	272.6	269.9
Unemployed	8.9	15.7	12.9
(Percent)	3.3%	5.8%	4.8%
Resident Employed	262.5	256.9	257.0

1/ Preliminary estimates 2/ Revised

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec.
(1982-1984 = 100) All Items (CPI-U)	119.0	118.5	114.4	115.4

Percent Change for Past Month	+0.4%
Percent Change from Last December	+3.1%
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+4.0%

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

in Thousands

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE-Statewide	619.2	612.7	620.6	603.1	583.6	599.0	16.1	29.1	21.6	2.6	4.7	3.5
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor MSA	42,600	42,100	43,000	41,500	40,300	41,700	1,100	1,800	1,300	2.6	4.3	3.0
Lewiston-Auburn MSA	41,100	42,400	41,600	39,800	38,800	39,600	1,300	3,600	2,000	3.2	8.5	4.8
Portland MSA	129,600	127,400	129,100	127,800	124,800	126,600	1,800	2,600	2,500	1.4	2.0	1.9
Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA 3/	n/a	136,200	137,900	n/a	133,300	135,200	n/a	2,900	2,700	n/a	2.1	2.0
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	34,990	34,600	35,180	34,170	33,230	33,470	820	1,370	1,710	2.3	4.0	4.9
Bath-Brunswick	29,680	29,390	28,940	29,130	28,750	28,010	550	640	930	1.9	2.2	3.2
Belfast	12,090	11,880	12,450	11,310	10,750	11,840	780	1,130	610	6.5	9.5	4.9
Biddeford	27,320	30,400	28,730	26,870	28,270	28,030	450	2,130	700	1.6	7.0	2.4
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	18,150	17,260	17,920	17,930	16,990	17,540	220	270	380	1.2	1.6	2.1
Calais-Eastport	16,780	15,070	17,900	15,740	13,780	17,020	1,040	1,290	880	6.2	8.6	4.9
Caribou-Presque Isle	21,890	21,560	21,600	20,600	19,970	19,860	1,290	1,590	1,740	5.9	7.4	8.1
Central Penobscot	2,700	2,790	2,560	2,630	2,650	2,450	70	140	110	2.6	5.0	4.3
Dover-Foxcroft	6,730	7,010	6,680	6,510	6,380	6,440	220	630	240	3.3	9.0	3.6
Ellsworth	28,480	26,350	28,160	27,950	25,590	27,370	530	760	790	1.9	2.9	2.8
Farmington	12,390	12,700	11,940	11,910	11,590	11,290	480	1,110	650	3.9	8.7	5.4
Fort Kent-Allagash	5,150	4,960	5,240	4,990	4,750	4,980	160	210	260	3.1	4.2	5.0
Greenville	1,560	1,500	1,540	1,540	1,470	1,500	20	30	40	1.3	2.0	2.6
Houlton	6,510	6,060	6,570	6,140	5,680	6,210	370	380	360	5.7	6.3	5.5
Kittery-York 3/	31,100	30,240	31,040	30,900	29,950	30,750	200	290	290	0.6	1.0	0.9
Lincoln-Howland	5,700	5,760	5,610	5,410	5,240	5,410	290	520	200	5.1	9.0	3.6
Livermore Falls	3,990	4,290	4,850	3,780	3,860	4,560	210	430	290	5.3	10.0	6.0
Madawaska-Van Buren	4,130	4,080	4,000	3,920	3,770	3,680	210	310	320	5.1	7.6	8.0
Millinocket-East Millinocket	3,870	3,880	4,170	3,710	3,680	4,000	160	200	170	4.1	5.2	4.1
Norway-Paris	13,350	13,120	13,270	13,010	12,580	12,720	340	540	550	2.5	4.1	4.1
Patten-Island Falls	2,470	2,410	2,460	2,370	2,330	2,350	100	80	110	4.0	3.3	4.5
Rockland	19,720	19,300	19,410	19,410	18,820	18,960	310	480	450	1.6	2.5	2.3
Rumford	8,230	8,410	8,350	7,860	7,790	7,960	370	620	390	4.5	7.4	4.7
Sanford	17,320	17,750	16,120	16,890	16,380	15,580	430	1,370	540	2.5	7.7	3.3
Sebago Lakes Region	14,330	13,500	14,420	14,090	13,190	14,080	240	310	340	1.7	2.3	2.4
Skowhegan	23,140	22,550	23,200	22,140	20,480	21,750	1,000	2,070	1,450	4.3	9.2	6.3
Southwest Penobscot	10,400	10,370	10,320	9,990	9,060	9,830	410	1,310	490	3.9	12.6	4.7
Waterville	23,830	23,560	24,210	23,210	22,680	23,400	620	880	810	2.6	3.7	3.3
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	n/a	1,759.2	1,746.5	n/a	1,703.6	1,689.7	n/a	55.6	56.8	n/a	3.2	3.3
Massachusetts	3,186.0	3,200.0	3,165.1	3,088.0	3,085.0	3,076.1	98.0	116.0	89.0	3.1	3.6	2.8
New Hampshire	n/a	609.5	613.1	n/a	594.3	598.8	n/a	15.2	14.3	n/a	2.5	2.3
Rhode Island	523.4	519.3	522.5	509.0	502.2	502.9	14.4	17.1	19.6	2.8	3.3	3.8
Vermont	303.1	300.0	304.1	297.8	293.1	295.5	5.3	7.0	8.6	1.7	2.3	2.8
NEW ENGLAND STATES	n/a	7,001.8	6,971.9	n/a	6,761.8	6,762.0	n/a	240.0	209.9	n/a	3.4	3.0
UNITED STATES 4/	123,396	123,888	121,614	116,737	117,066	114,527	6,659	6,823	7,088	5.4	5.5	5.8

MSA-Metropolitan Statistical Area

Note

n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.

Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding.

Footnotes

1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data adjusted to place of residence basis. Excludes members of the Armed Forces.

2/ Current and last month figures preliminary; year ago figures revised.

3/ Kittery-York is the eight-town Maine portion of the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA which includes towns in both Maine and New Hampshire.

4/ National estimates based on a sample of household visits; state estimates based on enlargements of employment figures reported.

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Mid-Month Insured Unemployment (Less Partials)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued-Week Claimants	4,934	8,703	5,445	565	631	595	490	1,283	586
Insured Unemployment Rate *	0.9	1.7	1.1	0.5	0.5	0.5	1.3	3.4	1.6

* Should not be confused with insured unemployment rates as defined in the Employment Security Law.

Selected Characteristics Of Unemployment Insurance Claimants

REGULAR PROGRAM

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY OCCUPATION

CATEGORY	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Professional, Technical, and Managerial	13.7	11.6	12.5
Clerical and Sales	17.9	16.2	18.7
Service	8.9	9.4	9.8
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, and Related	1.2	1.4	1.1
Processing	7.4	8.0	7.2
Machine Trades	10.0	11.5	9.8
Benchwork	10.1	11.9	12.8
Structural Work	16.4	14.4	13.8
Miscellaneous	14.4	15.6	14.3

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE

CATEGORY	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Total under 40	53.5	52.5	54.3
Under 22	3.3	4.4	4.3
22-24	5.8	6.0	8.0
25-34	30.3	29.1	29.0
35-39	14.1	13.0	13.0
Total 40 and Over	46.5	47.5	45.7
40-44	12.7	11.6	11.2
45-54	17.4	18.0	17.3
55-64	13.0	12.4	12.5
65 and Over	3.4	5.5	4.7

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